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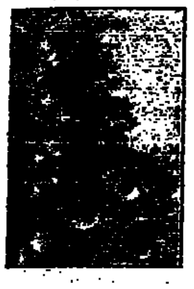

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Landowners stake claims in Samaria

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Representatives of Jewish landowners from Israel and abroad converged on Nahal Te'enim near Kedumim yesterday to mark plots they purchased from Arab landowners during the past 20 years.

Kedumim local council head Daniella Weiss said the area consists of 1,500 dunams of privately-owned land and 13,000 dunams of state-owned land that has been left uncultivated and untouched for at least 20 years.

The plots, Weiss said, stretch from west of Kedumim along the valley to Avnei Hefetz and Sa'alit. The privately owned land was sold by five Arab landowners from the region to Jews residing here and abroad, she said.

Yesterday, Alexander Newman, a psychologist from New Jersey, stood on the 38-dunam plot of land he purchased in the late seventies from Moshe Zar, one of the largest landowners in the area, who bought hundreds of dunams from Arabs in the area. Newman said he has spent thousands of dollars on lawyers in a bid to confirm ownership. The plot lies on a road north of the Arab village of Hadja, he said.

"There are no Arab houses, only some olive trees, and part of the land has been used as a dump," he said.

In addition Newman is the owner of 50 dunams near Barkan and has an option to purchase an additional 100 dunams. He hopes to sell these plots eventually, in 10 dunam lots, to Americans who want to build luxury homes. His dream, Newman said, is to build a home for his family on the 38-dunam plot.

Weiss said that settlers and landowners realized the urgency of action after the Wye agreement was signed.

"We have sent documents and requests accompanied by maps to the prime minister, the Defense Ministry and the ministerial committee in charge of the maps as well as to top lawyers to investigate the legalities." Weiss said.

Once all the plots are marked, work will start on access roads, she said.

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Har Homa tour

Building contractors look at the plans for Har Homa during a tour of the site yesterday. Story, Page 2. (Brian Hendler)

Netanyahu, Levy to meet today

PM seeks Likud-Tsomet merger

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday officially proposed merging Tsomet into the Likud, after putting the merger with Gesher on the back burner.

Both Gesher and Tsomet ran with the Likud on a joint list in 1996.

Netanyahu's efforts are all part of hectic measures to stabilize the coalition before its two crucial tests on Monday, when the two early elections bills and the economic arrangements bill are submitted to a Knesset vote.

Netanyahu and David Levy are due to meet this morning, for what would be their first meeting in two years.

The National Religious Party's central committee is to convene Sunday to decide on its stand vis-a-vis the early elections bills.

Netanyahu yesterday met with Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan and formally offered to unite his Tsomet faction with the Likud. While Eitan last week rejected the notion, he was more amenable to persuasion yesterday.

According to sources in both the Likud and Tsomet, Eitan this time expressed readiness to consider the merger, his sole condition being that the Likud reserve safe slots for his Tsomet colleagues on its next slate of Knesset candidates.

This could prove a problem for Netanyahu, though perhaps not as severe as Gesher's demand to accept hundreds of activists into the Likud central committee and upset the entire balance of forces in the party.

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Avital meets Sharon to protest suspension

By LIAT COLLINS

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon met last night with Colette Avital, the ministry's deputy director-general for European Affairs, to discuss the decision to suspend her for two weeks, and told her she must abide by the decision.

The meeting was held at Avital's request.

The suspension was ordered by Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur after suspicions were raised that Avital had leaked classified material from the ministry's Middle East Department to a journalist at *Ha'aretz*.

Asked about Sharon's instructions to stay home, Avital's lawyer, Dan Mirkin told Israel Radio's English-language news last night that Avital would turn up for work today nonetheless.

"I think that she has to disregard [the suspension]. My advice to her would be to disregard it... I hope that we're not going to see somebody trying to kick her out of the office."

Colette Avital (Brian Hendler)

The affair started some two weeks ago when material concerning Israel's possible response should the Palestinians declare statehood was faxed from Avital's office to reporter Yerah Tal. The fax was allegedly followed by a phone call from Avital's office.

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Neeman: Don't change inflation target

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman yesterday urged that no decision be taken to change the 1999 inflation target this year and that only after a longer-term analysis of the market's performance should the cabinet think about raising the 4% goal.

He reminded ministers at a special cabinet session that this had been Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's advice when the subject was last debated in August.

Neeman offered similar advice on the reform of the Bank of Israel. No rushed decisions should be made until a public committee investigating the issue reports back to cabinet towards the end of December, he said.

An increasing number of MKs are pushing for the creation of a board of governors for the bank, as proposed in a private member's bill sponsored by Avraham Shohat (Labor).

Frenkel maintains the nature of the bank's decision-making process should only be a part of a wider overhaul of the existing Bank of Israel Law, passed in 1954.

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Poll: 27% of teens have cellular phones

By HELEN KAYE

Israeli youth are more aware than you think. While only 9.8% of local youth watch the news on TV, 31% read the local news pages of a daily paper.

These and other statistics on media habits and lifestyle come from a nationwide survey by Target Group Index (TGI), a US-based research group, of Hebrew-speaking 12-18 year-olds, released yesterday.

Media statistics show that 90% watch 2.5 hours of TV daily while 61% listen to 1.5 hours of radio, 70% read a daily paper. 78% read some kind of weekly and 57% go to the movies at least once a month, more than twice as often as adults.

The most popular daily is the Hebrew-language *Yediot Aharonot* with 52% of the readers, versus 23% for its closest rival, *Ma'ariv*.

During the last six months, 81% said they had read at least one book.

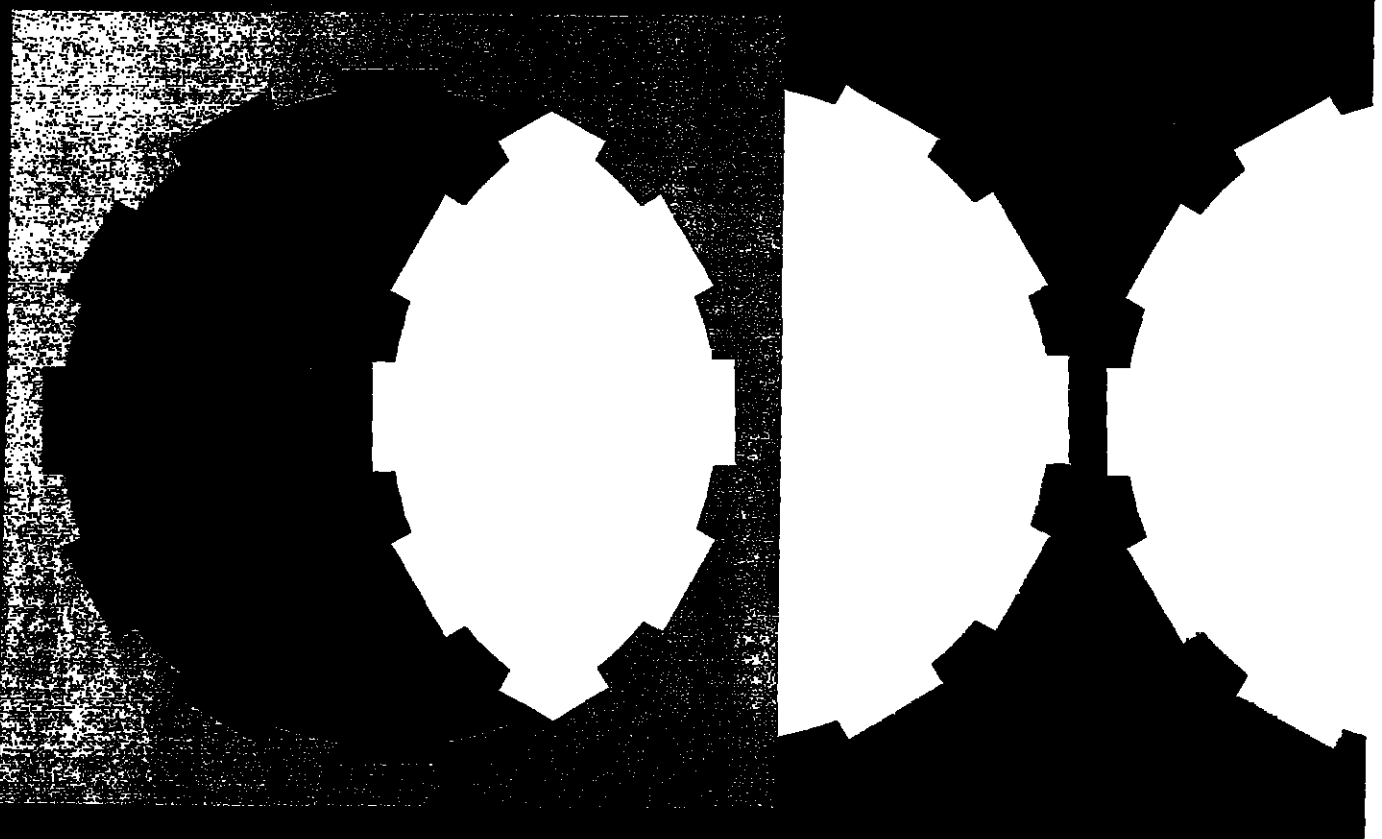
When it comes to computers, a staggering 82% has regular access to computers and 37% regularly surfs the Internet, a figure that eclipsed even the US, said Dori Shadmon, head of Teleseker, which conducted the poll for TGI.

However, adults eclipse youth when it comes to ownership of cellular phones, 57% versus 27%.

To conduct the poll, written questionnaires were sent out to youths, who were first queried by telephone. Two thousand responded.

The questionnaire did not differentiate among Jews and minorities or immigrants, and was sent to all sectors of society.

Gender differences were not crucial and varied greatly only in some areas, such as driving licenses: 67% of the youth from 17–18 who have driving licenses is male. Regarding fashion, 62.9% of the girls versus 54.4% of the boys said it was important.



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NEWS
in brief

Little support for follow-up Holocaust conference

Few delegates yesterday at the international conference on Holocaust assets in Washington supported Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg's idea of holding another such forum next year in Jerusalem. Delegates in Washington said privately that such conferences were valuable in compelling their countries to confront Holocaust-era history. However, some nations said that after two years of conferences they were exhausted with the topic, sources said.

It also wasn't clear whether the Foreign Ministry supported the idea. "It is better for us if others fight this battle," was how one Israeli source put it. *Marilyn Henry*

Poland: Israel failed to submit missiles for tests

Signaling further problems with an arms contract with Israeli companies, a Polish Defense Ministry spokesman said yesterday that Israel failed to arrange tests of its NTD missiles in November as requested.

Poland last year awarded the $800 million contract to Israel's Rafael and Elbit Systems Ltd. to equip its Huzar helicopters in line with NATO requirements. Poland, which plans to join NATO in April, selected the Israeli companies over the US company Boeing.

Poland's Solidarity-led government has criticized the handling of the tenders by its ex-communist predecessors and demanded missile tests. It also decided to seek another tender for the integrating systems. *AP*

Palestinians deny misuse of EU housing funds

The Palestinian Authority yesterday disputed a *Sunday Times* report asserting it had spent money earmarked for low-income housing on luxury apartments for wealthy Arafat associates. "I don't see any corruption in housing," Palestinian Housing Minister Abdel Rahman Hamad told reporters. Hamad said 90 percent of the buyers of 922 European Union-funded housing units in Gaza had incomes of less than $600 a month. He acknowledged that buyers included some Arafat associates who returned from abroad. But he said the application process had been open and that apartment sales were carried out under joint EU supervision. *AP*

UAE allows entry even with Israeli visa stamps

The United Arab Emirates is allowing entry to foreigners with Israeli visa stamps, an immigration official said yesterday. It began three months ago following directives from the Interior Ministry, the official said.

In recent years, Oman and Qatar established low-level trade relations with Israel and began allowing Israelis, as well as Israel-bound foreigners, to enter.

Kuwait allows British, American and French citizens to enter if they have Israeli visas in their passports and evaluates others on a case-by-case basis, an immigration official at the airport said. The other Arab Gulf states – Bahrain and Saudi Arabia – ban entry to anyone with an Israeli visa stamp. *AP*

US supplies Clinton security equipment to PA

The US has provided the Palestinian Authority with mine and explosive detection equipment as part of the security detail in advance of President Bill Clinton's planned visit to Bethlehem and Gaza December 12-15, PA security officials said yesterday.

Brig.Gen. Moussa Arafat, the Head of the Military Intelligence Apparatus, told *Asharq Al-Awsat* that the PA decided to form a Committee from the National Security Apparatus to discuss security and protocol arrangements.

Moussa Arafat added that a US security team will discuss the arrangements with PA security officials. *Mohammed Najib*

Students arrested in nighttime protest

More than 10 students were arrested last night as protesters blocked the Glilot junction in Tel Aviv for over 40 minutes at the conclusion of a torchlight parade, a student spokesman said.

Earlier, informal negotiations between Moshe Leon, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and a group of student leaders failed to produce any progress towards ending the strike. Earlier story, Page 5 *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Donors conference raises $3.2b. for Palestinian projects

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Monday's international donors conference raised about $3.2 billion for Palestinian economic development and infrastructure projects in what the US and Palestinian Authority called a major show of support for the peace process.

Among the pledges were $400 million by the US, about $500m. by the European Union, $170m. by Norway and $200m. by Japan, a US official said yesterday. A complete list of contributions is not yet available, he said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called the pledges "a substantial achievement" that was "well above" the $2.3 billion raised at a 1993 donors conference.

"The dividends of peace will become increasingly tangible and enduring in the lives of the Palestinian people," Albright said Monday evening at a press conference that closed the event.

"Our pledges today are evidence of the international community's firm commitment to help the Palestinian people build lives that are better, freer and safer, and to do our part in laying the foundations for a secure and prosperous Middle East," she said.

All US funds for the Palestinians go to specific projects rather than to the PA. Albright told reporters that consequently, every dollar contributed by the US "is accounted for, and it is completely transparent." World Bank president James Wolfensohn also sought to assure reporters that contributions to the Palestinians are well-spent, saying that the institution's independent auditor is responsible for ensuring that programs are run effectively.

A four-way meeting involving Israel, the US, the PA and the EU that was to be held after the event to discuss water issues was cancelled when Israel refused to broaden the agenda. A planning session Sunday night with EU envoy Miguel Moratinos led to the collapse of the Monday evening talks when Moratinos sought, at the urging of the Palestinians, to include a discussion on opening the Gaza seaport.

"It can't be that we'll prepare for a meeting on one subject and it'll be changed," Foreign Ministry director-general Aviv Shiron said, adding that the meeting was to have dealt with increasing water sources and improving water quality.

"We feel that if we reach an understanding with them, it should be honored," he said. "That's besides the fact that the experts weren't here to discuss the seaport."

To your health!
US Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala is welcomed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. Shalala is here to attend a joint US-Israeli conference on women's health. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

US officials downplay Arafat J'lem statement

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – US officials downplayed Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's statements on "occupied" Jerusalem. He had told a press conference following Monday's donor meeting here that Jerusalem's fate "remains the number one issue, particularly during the permanent status negotiations."

Arafat appeared to concede western Jerusalem to Israel, while making a pitch for Palestinian control of the eastern part of the city, saying that the peace negotiations over the territories are based on UN resolutions that apply to Jerusalem "because it's territories that were occupied in 1967 war."

"And when I say Jerusalem, I say Holy Jerusalem; that's the part that I mean," Arafat said. "Jerusalem will remain the item number one on the agenda of the permanent status talks."

Asked about Arafat's statements, a US official said that Washington attaches no importance to them because Arafat's views on Jerusalem are widely known.

"There's nothing new here. I wouldn't read that much into it," the official said. "Everyone knows that in the permanent-status talks, Jerusalem is at the top of the agenda for him. We've said it's a matter for negotiations, and that's why it's important to have permanent-status negotiations."

The official refused to compare his own tempered reaction with the US' active campaign in recent months to convince Arafat of the danger of speaking about declaring statehood next May.

State Department spokesman James Rubin called on both Israel and the Palestinians to cease making statements about actions affecting final-status negotiations.

Arafat met yesterday with congressional leaders, including incoming Speaker of the House Robert Livingston.

Peace Now protesters arrested at Har Homa

Police arrested three Peace Now members who tried to block building contractors from touring Har Homa yesterday.

A group of about 15 Peace Now activists held a protest while government officials briefed some 40 contractors and representatives of groups interested in buying homes at the site on the terms of a tender to build homes for Jews at Har Homa. Police scuffled with the protesters, arresting Peace Now head Mossi Raz and two others and barring them from entering the site.

As Peace Now protesters squared off with police, five members of the outlawed Kach group demonstrated nearby, chanting, "Peace Now, a knife in the back."

Israel published the tender to build some 6,500 apartments at Har Homa last month. Contractors will now have a month to submit plans and estimates to the government.

"Our job is to build houses and sell them and even if it causes political problems, that's not our problem," building contractor Motti Louzon said at the site.

But other potential builders said financial and political pitfalls clouded the project's feasibility.

Palestinians say the construction violates international law and Middle East peace deals. They say Har Homa is part of an Israeli plan to cut off the Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem from the West Bank.

Israel says it has the right to build anywhere in Jerusalem.

White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart has called the project "inconsistent with the spirit" of last month's Wye Memorandum.

Ground-breaking for Har Homa, known in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim, led to Palestinian rioting last year and a stalemate in the peace negotiations.

(News agencies)

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Following the news story, Bentsur ordered an investigation and the findings were handed to the police.

The ministry spokesman said last night that Sharon heard out Avital's response to the suspension and the allegations. He also met with the ministry's comptroller concerning the apparent evidence linking Avital to the leak.

Mirkin said she had not leaked the classified material.

She also said she would continue to work because the suspension had not followed the procedure laid out in the civil service regulations: in particular, she had not had a hearing with either Bentsur or Sharon before the suspension was announced. Bentsur had informed her of the suspension from the US.

A ministry spokesman had earlier said Avital had had opportunities to explain her position but her explanations had not dispelled the suspicions.

The matter was handed to the police for investigation because a criminal offense may have been committed. The 14-day suspension was made under a clause of the Civil Service Law that relates to incidents that may have harmed state security.

Avital had previously refused the suggestion that she take a temporary leave.

Sharon instructed the head of the ministry's administration unit to ask the police to conduct a speedy investigation.

Avital's suspension sent shock waves throughout the ministry and the tremors could also be felt in the Knesset, where several opposition MKs condemned the move.

MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor) has submitted a motion on the subject, which is scheduled to be heard today.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid called the suspension: "An intolerable and unprecedented evil move."

Pines-Paz said it was "clearly an act of revenge against a woman whose only crime is to have faithfully carried out the policies of the Rabin and Peres governments" and Meretz MK Anat Maor described it as "a political witch hunt."

Labor MK Yona Yahav wrote to the Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander regarding the monitoring of Avital's phone and fax lines. MK Ze'ev Boim (Likud) however, said the opposition MKs should be the first to support procedures to prevent leaks of classified material.

A ministry staffer, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Jerusalem Post that the suspension and police inquiry were unprecedented and appeared to be motivated by a longstanding personal dispute between Avital and Bentsur. Avital is a former ambassador to Portugal and former consul-general in New York.

Abraham Rabinovich adds:

At a Hebrew University conference this week marking 50 years of Israel's foreign service, Avital used the phrase "witch hunt," leaving her listeners to draw any inference they chose.

One of the speakers addressing the several hundred diplomats and ex-diplomats filling the Wise Auditorium on the Givat Ram campus, Avital preceded her talk on relations with Western Europe by noting that she had, as a Hebrew University student, attended many events in the hall.

"The last time I was on this stage was as an actress participating in Arthur Miller's play The Crucible," she noted with a smile. "In Hebrew it's called Witch Hunt. I couldn't help thinking of that today."

The audience reacted with laughter.

GSS detains US immigrant for weapons arsenal

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The General Security Service, increasingly edgy over fears Jewish militants will try to block upcoming troop withdrawals, arrested an American immigrant on suspicion he was stockpiling weapons to attack Arabs – but later released him for lack of evidence.

A second American immigrant was detained for questioning, for allegedly selling him an assault rifle. Jonathan Tidi, 41, a resident of Moshav Nehusha in the Judean foothills near Beit Guvrin, was arrested last Wednesday, but news of his detention was censored until yesterday.

Apparently acting on a tip that Tidi was hoarding weapons to attack Palestinians, Israel Police and GSS agents searched his home. Jerusalem Police Spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said police found a "number" of weapons, 6,000 rounds of ammunition, hand grenades, night-vision goggles, ammunition belts stolen from the IDF, and other military equipment. Police detained him and confiscated the contraband.

According to Ben-Ruby, Tidi claimed that the weaponry was for self-defense, after a Palestinian state is declared in May 1999. Nehusha is somewhat isolated and only about 3,000 meters from the Green Line and the Arab villages of Tzurif and Beit Ula.

Tidi, a former member of the US Army Rangers and a gun expert, said he also wanted the weapons because he feared total chaos would erupt in the year 2000, when world computer systems would shut down owing to the Y2K bug. Furthermore Tidi suspected the whole country would be overrun by Christian pilgrims in the millennium - and this was another reason for wanting to defend himself. He added that he did have a license for some of the weapons.

One of the weapons confiscated was an M-16 assault rifle which he said he bought from Ma'aleh Adumim gunsmith Yossi Lockhart. Lockhart is also an immigrant from the United States and a former US Ranger. He confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that he was being investigated, but otherwise declined to comment on the affair. Tidi was released on Friday following two days of questioning, after the GSS and police became convinced there was no basis to the suspicion he was about to attack Palestinians.

Tidi, who immigrated from Los Angeles and is married with two children, is the only Anglo-Saxon immigrant on the religious settlement. Residents there said he has been heavily involved in security of the settlement in the past. Neighbors said Tidi was now setting up a security company specializing in anti-terror tactics.

Tidi was not just a volunteer for the Border Police, but also a member of its elite emergency team, and as such was allowed to keep an M-16 assault rifle at home. But in light of the affair, Jerusalem Police Chief Cmdr. Ya'ir Yitzhaki ordered that Tidi be expelled from the Border Police volunteers.

Tidi said he preferred not to comment on the incident.

It was the second time in a month that the GSS has arrested a Jewish Israeli on suspicions of planning to attack Arabs, based on incorrect information, Israel Radio said. Last month Yonatan Dadovitch was arrested on suspicion he stabbed Arabs. But he was later released.

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However, Lt. Peter Lerner, spokesman of the Civil Administration, which is in charge of land registration, said that Zar has been unable to prove ownership of the land. "We are investigating his claims in the Nahal Te'enim area," Lerner said.

Accompanied by officials from the Defense and Housing ministries, private landowners from overseas and delegations of two foundations who represent the Jewish landowners of Koor Te'enim and Nahalat Hashomron, the group set out yesterday with a surveyor to check the land and determine if any changes had been made over the years.

"The Arabs in the region have not touched the land nor cultivated it and we hope that this alone will be proof enough," Weiss said.

Several members of Kibbutz Kfar Giladi who own a quarry in Nahal Te'enim also visited the area yesterday, Weiss said. Work started at the quarry some two years ago but was stopped due to opposition by Arabs living in the area. The quarry owners have written to government officials requesting authorization to operate it and work on the access road will begin within days, she said.

Last night another group planned to establish yet another encampment on one of the hilltops near Nahal Te'enim. Weiss said the group would build a stone house and remain there until the army declared the site a closed military zone. "We will go every night to a different hilltop in order to ensure that a Jewish presence remains there," Weiss vowed.

CORRECTION

Gov. Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts, one of four visiting US governors, has been to Israel in the past, and is not here on his first trip, as reported in Sunday's paper.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Rabbi David Saperstein will speak on the U.S. election results: their impact on Israel.

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Barak dines with Shahak, Meridor

By SARAH HONIG

Guess who came to dinner at the Barak home in Kochav Yair last night? Ehud and Nava Barak invited Tali and Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Leora and Dan Meridor over.

And Ehud Barak, the Labor Party chairman, and his publicists made sure everyone would know about the dinner.

Privately they stressed and hyped the importance and the implications of the get-together. But on the record they were nonchalant and characterized it as a "private affair."

Both Shahak, the former chief of staff, and Meridor, a Likud MK, denied that there was any political significance to the dinner. Shahak said that "perhaps political changes are needed in this country, but this is not the place in which they would be made."

The dinner was no incidental social occurrence, it is stressed in Labor. It was part of a well-prepared master plan which Barak has been working on and which he will present to the Labor central committee in two weeks.

The plan involves changing Labor's name to New Israel. The change of name, Barak hopes, will allow him to claim that the ticket on which his candidacy for the premiership will be fielded will not be Labor's alone, but part of a wider framework to which various political and non-political elements outside of Labor – including Meridor and Lipkin-Shahak – would be admitted.

Such a move also is an attempt to preempt any other possible combination – specifically a new centrist party – to which the two might be recruited.

There were no immediate political results to yesterday's dinner, just the impression of momentum and of a temporary coup. For now, it is said around Barak, that was all he had bargained for last night.

Renaming Labor and hosting high-profile guests may all be reflections of the advice Barak has been getting from his newest political advisers and spin doctors. Barak has engaged the services of three American specialists who helped make President Bill Clinton the comeback kid, according to Labor sources. Chief amongst them is campaign strategist James Carville, now a celebrity in his own right. Carville may visit here in several weeks.

Pollster Stanley Greenberg and media consultant Robert Schrum will round out the team. The trio is reputed to have also been involved in the recent triumphant campaigns of Tony Blair in Britain and of Gerhard Schroeder in Germany. Barak recently took a third of Labor's Knesset faction to visit Germany and Britain in an attempt to pick up tips regarding the socialist parties' successes in those countries.

On many occasions in the past, Barak has taken Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to task for his reliance on another American campaign consultant – Arthur Finkelstein.

Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington:

Three leading Democratic Party political operatives will travel to Israel in the coming weeks to begin discussions with Barak on his campaign for prime minister, an American source close to Barak confirmed yesterday.

"They have not closed the deal yet, but it's virtually done," he said.

Greenberg, who served for two years as Clinton's pollster; Carville, an architect of Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign; and Schrum, a longtime political advertisement consultant will be going to "learn about the Israeli system" and to conduct "a number of seminars for Labor campaign operatives," the source said.

Washington consultant Steve Rabinowitz, who has advised Barak in the past, will continue to be involved on an informal basis, the source said.

The American experts will share with Barak and the Labor Party their insight into "what are some of the early instruments you need to put in place" for the campaign, the source said.

The Americans are challenged at the outset by the fact that Barak has not yet hired a campaign manager, so "nobody knows exactly how they're going to be used," he added.

Hassidic huppa

Yisrael Menahem Alter, 19, son and heir to the Gerrer rebbe, Rabbi Ya'acov Arye Alter, weds Esther Eiger, 17, of Bnei Brak, yesterday in a ceremony attended by some 20,000 people in Jerusalem's Romema neighborhood. Rehov Bar-Ilan and various side streets were shut for hours for the event, snarling traffic in the area. (Brian Hendler)

Uri Dan to head anti-incitement delegation

By LIAT COLLINS

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday appointed veteran journalist Uri Dan to head the Israel delegation to the trilateral body to combat incitement.

The team, comprised also of Americans and Palestinians, was established in accordance with the Wye Memorandum.

Dan replaces former MK Yoash Tsiddon, who resigned this week due to "personal reasons," shortly after the committee began its work.

Dan said yesterday he had asked the Press Ethics Committee to allow him to continue working as a journalist.

Dan works for both local and foreign news organizations, and is co-author of a weekly op-ed piece published in *The Jerusalem Post*. He has been a sharp critic of the Oslo process; in an article two weeks ago, he compared Yasser Arafat to Saddam Hussein.

Yesterday he told the *Post* he had accepted the unpaid position because he "felt it was his civic duty."

Regarding his goals, he said: "I think we should work very hard to stop incitement."

The appointment raised some opposition, however. Labor MK Uzi Baram described it as "provocative and negative."

Dan is considered a close friend of Sharon's and served as his spokesman during the Lebanon War.

The Prime Minister's Office, meanwhile, yesterday issued a reaction to statements by Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala) on Radio Palestine. Qurei called on the Palestinians to use physical force to fight the settlers, and criticized Israel for not releasing security prisoners.

"The prime minister will not tolerate any threat of violence – not against Israeli citizens in general and not against residents of Judea and Samaria in particular. This type of call is a violation of the agreement," the statement said.

"The prime minister also suggests that senior members of the Palestinian Authority refresh their memories by reading the Wye agreement, under which it is Israel that determines the categories of Palestinian prisoners to be released. Under no circumstances will the prime minister release Hamas prisoners or those with blood on their hands."

Sarid demands Elitzur's resignation

By LIAT COLLINS

Uri Elitzur (David Rubinger)

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid is demanding the resignation of Uri Elitzur, the prime minister's bureau chief, for remarking to bereaved mothers that they are "seeking headlines."

"This is not the first time that Elitzur has acted rudely towards bereaved parents who have lost their children in Lebanon, and no headline will console them," said Sarid.

"Elitzur should leave the Prime Minister's Office and go back to his settler friends so that his rudeness will be less annoying and more natural."

MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor) wrote a letter of complaint to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, saying that MKs also "receive the same arrogant and unacceptable answers" from Elitzur.

The incident between Elitzur and members of the Four Mothers group, which is calling for unilateral IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, took place on Monday. Representatives of the group, holding a protest outside the Prime Minister's Office, asked to be allowed to speak with Netanyahu before the security cabinet meeting.

In response to the criticism he has received, Elitzur replied, "They were hurt, I think unjustifiably. I explained that Netanyahu could not hold a meeting with them because of his tight schedule, but said I would try and arrange a meeting later.

"It's true I said that they only want headlines, but I meant that the movement they belong to, Four Mothers, is seeking headlines – and I don't think that is hurtful."

Meanwhile, MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) yesterday rejected Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's demand for an apology, following their heated exchange at Monday's Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting.

Beilin accused Mordechai of playing with soldiers's lives and said, "If there is a casino in Israel it is the Israeli government's casino, and the defense minister is personally responsible for it."

Beilin claimed that he was reacting to Mordechai's words, saying those proposing a unilateral withdrawal are gambling.

Mordechai later wrote to Beilin, accusing him of using "belligerent language," which was "unacceptable" to him.

"Today as defense minister my responsibility is total and I am not prepared for anyone, especially a member of the Knesset, to say I am "gambling with the blood of soldiers," or "running a casino.

"Therefore, I am demanding you take back your words and apologize before the committee, so that we can continue to discuss security matters in a civilized way and in plain language – even if there is a very difficult argument."

Labor secretary-general Ra'anan Cohen issued a statement saying that Beilin should have shown Mordechai more respect. Cohen also said that Beilin's views on Lebanon do not reflect the Labor Party's stand.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

Knesset panel chairmen to be censured for burying bills

AT THE KNESSET

By NINA GILBERT

The Knesset approved a decision by the House Committee to impose sanctions against the chairman of a Knesset committee for burying legislation. Under the measure, a committee chairman would not be able to advance his own bills in the committee if there are other bills that have been waiting for up to six months for discussion and approval for first readings.

Bicycle helmets to meet standards

Bicycling in the country may become safer for riders if the Knesset passes a bill, put on the agenda yesterday, that would require them to wear helmets meeting a certain standard. The bill, sponsored by a group of MKs from throughout the House, is aimed at preventing head injuries, especially among children, which experts say can be prevented by wearing helmets.

The bill would put municipalities in charge of enforcing the law, but does not detail how punishments for such violations, such as those by children, would be handed down.

Bill would regulate dieticians

A bill proposed by MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) would regulate the diet profession, and require that those who deal in such advice be approved by the Health Ministry. Yehezkel said the measure is aimed at preventing the exploitation of dieters by non-professionals or con men.

Hizbullah kills SLA soldier

By DAVID RUDGE

A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed and another was lightly wounded in Hizbullah bomb attacks during fighting in the region yesterday.

Later yesterday, in the evening, the IDF's Karkum position, in the security zone's western sector, came under heavy mortar fire. There were no casualties in that incident and IDF gunners returned fire.

The fatal attack occurred in the Jezzine enclave north of the zone, not far from an SLA position. An SLA soldier, who apparently was walking to the position, was killed instantly when an explosive device went off.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack and for another incident in the early hours of the morning in the same area. An explosive device was detonated alongside an SLA armored vehicle on operational duties, lightly injuring an SLA soldier.

Military sources said the methods Hizbullah used yesterday were similar to those it employed in the recent attacks in the zone which claimed the lives of seven IDF soldiers and wounded several others.

Lebanese analysts said yesterday's incidents indicate that Hizbullah was likely to switch its attention back to attacking the SLA, instead of concentrating on IDF targets as it had in the past two weeks.

"The organization is likely to rest on its laurels for a couple of weeks, while sustaining the pressure with attacks on the SLA and long-range firing at IDF and SLA positions in the zone," a Lebanese observer said.

In the meantime, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group, whose meeting was brought forward in an effort to help defuse the tension in the region, yesterday completed its discussions into a record 15 complaints over breaches of the understandings.

The IDF Spokesman said that the five-nation committee determined that Lebanon was responsible for breaching the understandings in eight out of nine protests that Israel lodged. These related mainly to firing by Hizbullah and Amal gunmen from villages north of the zone. The monitoring group also recognized four out of the six complaints lodged by Lebanon relating to shelling of villages north of the zone by IDF and SLA gunners.

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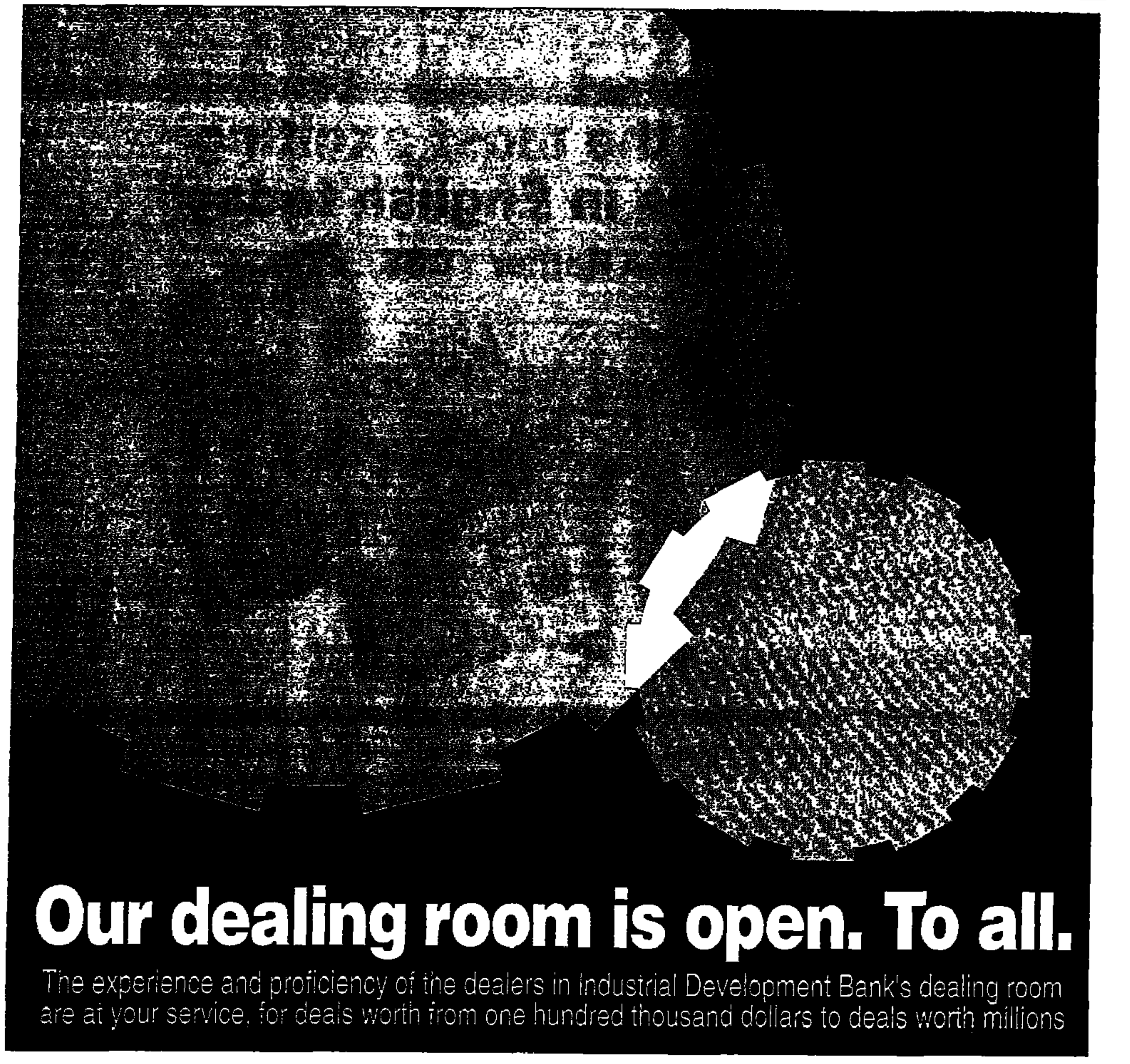

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Albright recalls 'the blood that is in my family veins'

By MARILYN HENRY

WASHINGTON – Madeleine Albright, referring to herself as a grandmother in her 62nd year, yesterday opened an international conference on Holocaust assets by recalling that her grandparents' names appear on the wall of the Pinkas Synagogue in Prague that commemorates the Czech Jews murdered by the Nazis.

Albright, the secretary of state who only recently learned of her Jewish roots, told the delegates who have convened in Washington from 44 nations, that she has started to "think of the blood that is in my family veins." "Does it matter what kind of blood it is? It shouldn't. It is just blood that does its job," she said. "But it mattered to Hitler and that matters to us all because that is why 6 million Jews died and that is why this obscenity of suffering was visited on so many innocent, irreplaceable people." The conference is to examine what happened to Nazi-looted art, unpaid insurance claims, and communal property.

But, Albright said: "It is about much more than gold and art and insurance.

"It's about remembering that no one's blood is less or more precious than our own." The head of the Israeli delegation, MK Avraham Herschson (Likud), also addressed the plenary. He opened his remarks by reading for two minutes the names and ages of Jewish children who were killed in the Holocaust.

"We set no boundaries on the pursuit of justice," he said.

Also addressing the conference plenary was the head of the International Romani Union, Rajko Djuric of Berlin.

Although the conference agenda is driven by Jewish issues and by Jewish advocacy, Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat yesterday attempted to set an ecumenical tone, saying that not only Jewish, but Catholic and Protestant communal property had been confiscated and must be returned to the religious communities of Europe.

The significant items on today's agenda are Holocaust education and remembrance. Sweden has been singled out for kudos at the conference for founding an International Task Force on Holocaust Education, of which Israel and Germany are members.

The conference is not expected to conclude with any decisions, although it was propelled by what Eizenstat has called a desire to reach a consensus to rectify the injustices stemming from the Nazi era.

The conference was striving, Albright said, for an "atmosphere free from threats." Albright called on all archives around the world to be fully open to researchers. "They must have access that is full, everywhere, now," she said, without mentioning any country by name.

"We must dig to find the truth," she said. "Only by knowing and being honest about the past can we gain peace in the present and confidence in the future."

Aryeh Dean Cohen adds:

Officials from the Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel said yesterday that a plan worked out with the Treasury for dispersal of $60 million from the Swiss humanitarian fund earmarked for needy Holocaust survivors in Israel was sent to the Swiss last week by the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

A joint team from the Treasury's office for rehabilitation of the disabled and the Center prepared a plan for distribution of the funds, including a proposal for setting eligibility criteria. Once the Swiss approve it and the funds are transferred here, the criteria will be published and dispersal will begin.

New MK sworn in

Doron Shmueli is sworn in yesterday as a Likud MK, replacing outgoing Tsomet MK and Omer Mayor Pini Badash who resigned from his Knesset seat this week.
Shmueli, 44, from Moshav Ein Vered, was earkmarked in a Tsomet slot on the joint list with the Likud and Gesher. However, since the elections he has cut his ties with Tsomet and a year ago joined the Likud Party. As a result, Tsomet's representation in the Knesset has dropped to four MKs.

(Text: Nina Gilbert Photo: Isaac Harari)

MKs weep at discussion of body parts burial

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs and reporters openly wiped away tears yesterday during a Knesset committee meeting discussing the secret burial of the body parts of naval commandos Third Petty Officer Guy Golan and 3PO Raz Tabi, who were killed in Lebanon in September 1997.

The Knesset State Control Committee, chaired by MK Yossi Katz (Labor), met following the discovery that the families of the two soldiers had not been informed that their sons had not been buried whole. The body parts were later interred on top of the coffins without the parents' knowledge and without DNA testing.

Yoram Golan, Guy's father, said his suspicions had first been raised when, instead of receiving his son's watch after his death, as is the custom in the commandos, he was handed a new watch in a box.

He said the fears increased when the body of 3PO Itamar Ilya, who was killed in the same operation, was returned a few months ago amid reports that there was another small coffin in the plane.

He finally discovered the truth while surfing the Internet when he came across a site describing what had been returned: "Five legs, so many fingers and bits of skin," Golan recalled. "And they never told us." He also described the interment of the body parts of his son as "a donkey's burial."

Maj.-Gen. Yehuda Segev, head of the IDF Manpower Division, said, "My stomach turns over and my heart bleeds in the face of this terrible story."

He said the IDF procedure in the past had not been to inform the families and the IDF Rabbinate policy had been not to open the coffins but to bury the parts alongside. The IDF is considering changing the procedure, he said. The policy of not telling the families was considered a way of sparing them extra pain, he explained.

Katz admitted he had cried as the fathers spoke.

State Comptroller Eliezer Goldberg said he would like to see the results of the internal inquiry into the affair and hear the IDF's conclusions before acting.

MKs Nissan Slomiansky (National Religious Party) and Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) demanded an independent external inquiry. The parents' lawyer Eliad Shraga said Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi had promised to work toward establishing a committee of inquiry into the parents' complaints.

Bronfman to head US assets panel

By MARILYN HENRY

WASHINGTON – On the eve of an international conference on Holocaust-era assets, the White House on Monday appointed Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, as chairman of the 23-member US Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets.

The commission, of politicians and private individuals, was mandated to research the fate of Holocaust assets that found their way to the US or were under US military control between 1933 and 1945. The assets include gold, gems, bank accounts and art.

Bronfman and his family's company, Seagrams, are major donors to the Democratic Party.

There are 17 different historical commissions, with varying degrees of independence and authority, delving into European nations' wartime history.

The US presidential commission on the Holocaust, which was created with fanfare by Congress last summer, is due to complete its work by December 1999. It got off to a rocky start. According to the congressional legislation, the White House had until September 21 to name its appointees. But the appointments were delayed after its first choice for chairman, Steven Solarz, a former congressman from New York, withdrew from consideration, sources said.

Although the US – like Switzerland – was a major haven for European funds during the war, to date, there has been no systematic effort to examine what accounts of European origin ended up in New York banks and then were treated as "abandoned property" and turned over to the public treasury.

Among the 12 members appointed by the White House are Jehuda Reinharz, an Israeli-born historian who is president of Brandeis University, and Roman Kent, of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

MKs demand rights for Israelis' non-Jewish spouses

By NINA GILBERT

The Interior Ministry must halt its policy of deporting non-Jewish spouses of Israelis as the first requirement for obtaining resident status here, as well as other stringent measures, MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) demanded yesterday.

"Love cannot be stopped by bureaucrats," Yehezkel said, adding that if the policies are not rescinded, he will soon draft legislation to ease the hardship on the couples. "The time has come to put an end to this affair."

He was speaking in the Knesset yesterday at a meeting between a group of MKs and a dozen couples who are awaiting Interior Ministry recognition of their marriages.

The High Court of Justice is still considering the petition of 30 couples filed a year-and-a-half ago. According to the group, the ministry has been delaying recognition of marriages and denying basic rights to non-Jewish spouses ever since Interior Minister Eli Suissa took office in 1996.

Under current policy, only non-Jewish spouses of new immigrants are given automatic rights.

Rafi Cohen, head of the ministry's Population Registry, argued that Israel has liberal immigration policies compared with other countries, but cannot grant rights to those who are here illegally.

Cohen said spouses are asked to leave the country and then receive an invitation from their spouse to return. However, the couples said no date for return is guaranteed – and one spouse has been waiting abroad for seven months.

Ministry officials have said in the past that these steps are necessary to prevent "marriages of convenience."

MK Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) blasted the ministry policy, saying that they were turning the non-Jewish spouses into "Prisoners of Zion," since they dare not leave the country for fear they will not be allowed to return.

Yehezkel also demanded that the ministry change its policy of forcing spouses who have been invited back to wait 27 months, during which they are not entitled to any rights, such as a work permit or health insurance, while the ministry considers recognizing the marriage.

He said spouses should be made temporary residents and be given citizenship after two years – or at once, if they have a child.

Anat Primo, who is married to a Ghanian, said the ministry is trying to break families apart and inflicting "humiliation and hardship" on them, since the non-Jewish spouse cannot work or obtain health care.

She condemned the policy of listing the father of children of such marriages as "unknown." Non-Jewish women in such marriages are deterred from having children due to lack of health insurance.

Cohen responded by saying that the situation is "painful for both sides."

MK Sofia Landver (Labor) said the policy is "incorrect and unsuitable for a democratic country."

11 HIV-carriers born here this year

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN
and LIAT COLLINS

Thirty percent of high-school pupils have sex, there has been a 50% increase in the number of female HIV carriers in Israel since 1991, and women have a four times greater risk than men of being infected by AIDS during sexual intercourse. These were some of the figures presented to the Knesset committees on Education and the Status of Women, which dedicated discussions yesterday to World AIDS Day.

AIDS education in Israel must be made available throughout the educational system, including the Arab and haredi sectors, Knesset Education Committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann said.

Zissmann said the program should be aimed at preventing the spread of AIDS, alcohol abuse, drug use and smoking. The NIS 100,000 currently budgeted for this must be increased, he added.

The Committee on the Status of Women, chaired by MK Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya), called on the Health and Education ministries to budget some NIS 43m. for educational campaigns on prevention measures.

Yinon Shenkar, chairman of the Jerusalem AIDS Project, said that a poll showed that 52% of youth in state schools would agree to invite an AIDS carrier into their homes, but 55% of youth in the state religious schools would absolutely refuse to do so.

Sarah, an AIDS victim who appears regularly before school audiences said, "I didn't get any explanation about AIDS. If I had, maybe I wouldn't be standing here today." She added that her mother was fired from her job after the story of her AIDS affliction became public.

"In 1998 11 HIV-carrying children were born [in Israel]," according to Prof. Zvi Bentowich, head of the AIDS unit at Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital. "I recommend HIV screening for every pregnant woman."

He said before 1997 there were 219 female HIV carriers in Israel. That number increased by 43 this year, he added.

The MKs were particularly moved by the story of a woman infected 12 years ago by a boyfriend who did not know he was HIV positive.

"I underwent a terrible crisis, scared to death of loss and dying... I won tremendous support from my family without which I would not be here today. I function today with ups and downs. I got married and even gave birth to a healthy child," she said.

Greek air force chief to fly Israeli fighter jet

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The commander of the Greek Air Force, who arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day official visit, is expected to take to the skies in an Israeli fighter jet today.

Air Force officials said that Lt.-Gen. Giorgos Antonetzis will fly in an IAF F-16.

Israel is currently involved in upgrading Greek warplanes, but mainly as subcontractors. Even though Antonetzis is being hosted by the Air Force, he is also expected to tour defense industries in what may be an effort to expand cooperation.

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu visited Greece in January 1997. During that visit, Ben-Eliyahu and Antonetzis each flew a Mirage 2000 jet fighter and newspapers in Athens reported that they even held a mock dog fight. The winner was not reported.

Air Force officials could not say last night whether Ben-Eliyahu would also fly today with Antonetzis.

Antonetzis's visit comes two weeks before Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai pays an official visit to Greece. Mordechai, who is keen on not rocking the close military ties with Turkey, chose to visit Greece during the Hanukka holiday, which commemorates the Jews defeat of the ancient Hellenists.

Greece has expressed interest in finally implementing the 1994 military treaty. The pact, similar to the one signed with Turkey, calls for joint naval exercises and rescue operations as well as joint air maneuvers.

In an interview published over the weekend in Greece, Mordechai criticized Athens for turning down an offer last year to participate in January's joint naval maneuvers with Israel, the US and Turkey, Greece's traditional rival.

Israel had actually invited both Egypt and Greece to participate in January's joint maneuvers, but each heavily criticized them.

Greece and Egypt are in the midst of a week-long joint naval exercise off the Egyptian coast. Officially they are part of the defense pact signed between Egypt and Greece last year, but they are also seen as an answer to the Turkish-Israeli maneuvers.

Defense sources said that the invitation will be repeated during Mordechai's three-day trip, which begins December 18.

Mordechai will be hosted by the Jewish Greek community of Thessaloniki, but he will also be meeting with top Greek officials in Athens.

The Greek air force commander is to depart late tomorrow after meeting with top IDF officials and touring defense industries. Israeli defense companies, such as Elbit, are upgrading the Greek F-4E.

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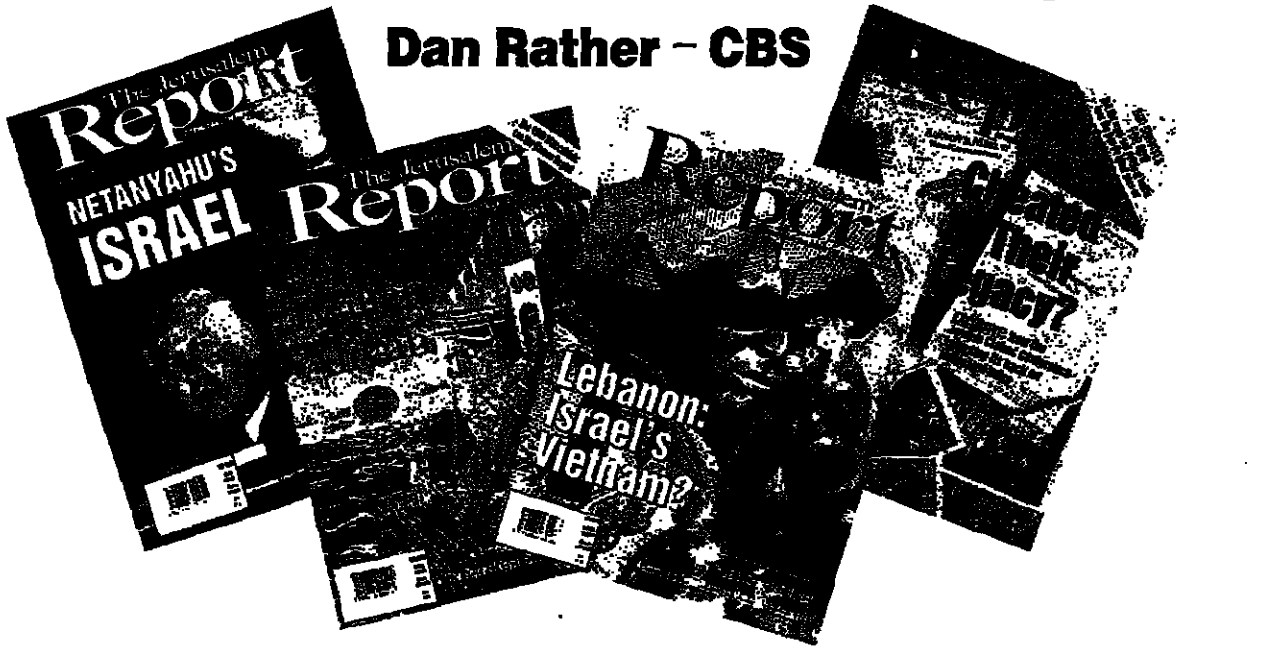

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Building projects could be stopped by lack of funds for archeological digs

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Major building projects across the country could be halted by an Antiquities Authority announcement yesterday that lack of funds obliges it to stop carrying out the archeological excavations that must precede commercial development or road building in many areas.

But authority director Amir Drori said he expected that the Knesset would move rapidly to rectify the situation.

By law, no area deemed to be an archeological site can be developed unless archeologists are permitted to excavate before the builder's bulldozers go in. The Authority has no budget for these "salvage excavations" and has always levied the cost on the site developers.

The authority's decision yesterday to halt the digs come after the High Court of Justice ruled that there are no legal grounds for demanding payment for the excavations from the developers.

Israel has 24,000 archeological sites of varying dimensions, adding up to about 10 percent of the country's area.

Drori said yesterday in an interview that since the authority does not have its own funding for such digs there can be no salvage operations and therefore no development on these sites.

A freeze would affect projects like the Cross-Israel Highway, railway lines, and large housing developments in Modi'in and Jerusalem, including Har Homa.

After appearing before the Knesset archeology caucus, however, Drori expressed optimism that the Knesset would enact legislation "within a month or two" that would either provide for government financing of salvage digs or legally obligate developers to fund them.

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy has asked Drori to help draw up legislation that would obligate the builders to foot the bill, saying that the government cannot pay for these digs.

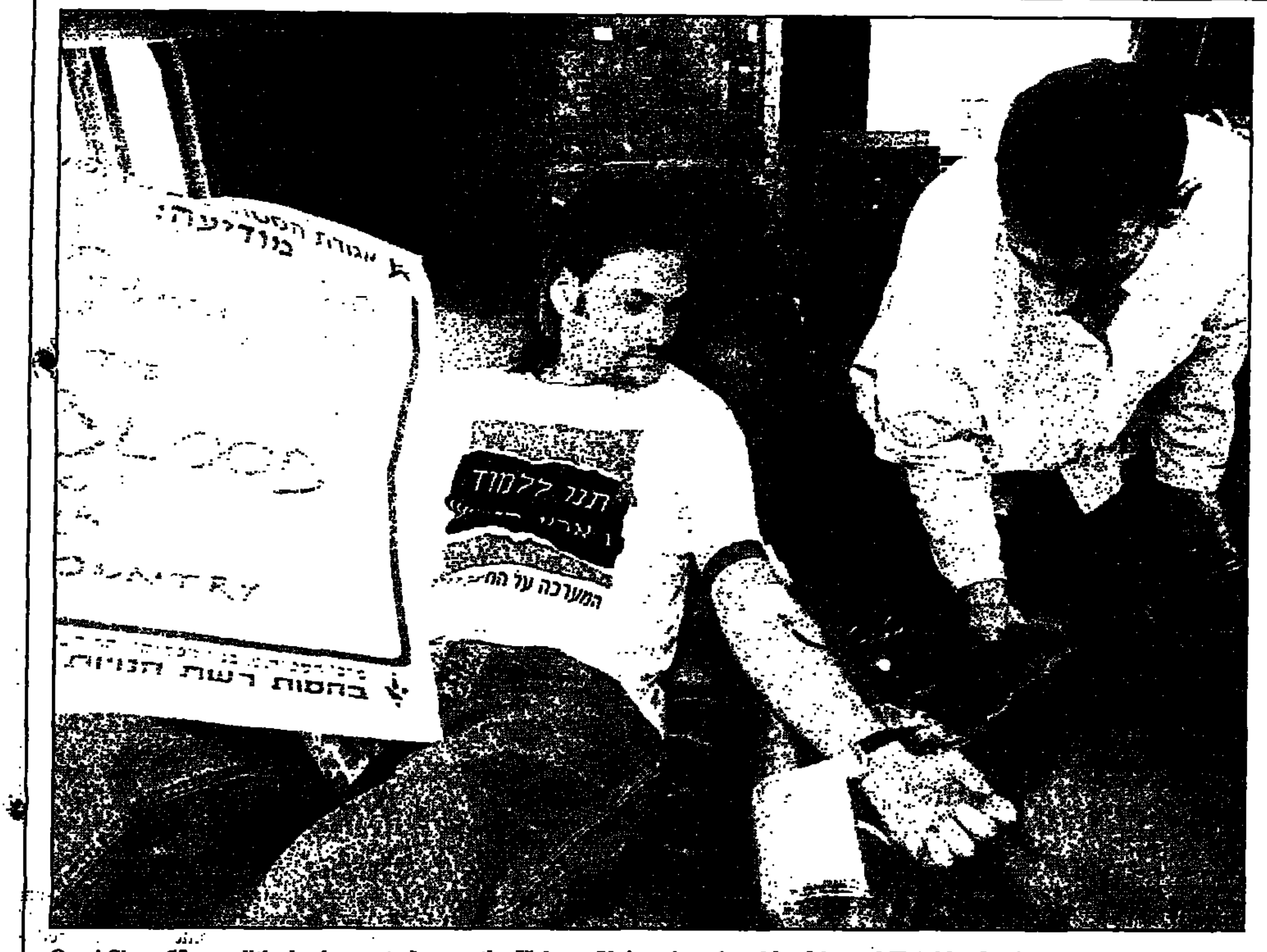
Until new legislation is passed, Drori said, he hoped that interim solutions would be found, such as payments being made provisionally by the Housing Ministry or other ministries.

The caucus MKs agreed that legislation should be prepared via the Knesset Education Committee, which oversees the Antiquities Law, which chaired by Emanuel Zissmann, (Third Way) who was present at yesterday's meeting.

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) suggested that the legislation include a clause under which those developers who could not or would not fund the salvage work could wait until the Antiquities Authority could do it in the future, according to its order of priorities, although this could take several years.

Of some 300-350 excavations carried out by the authority annually, all but about 50 are salvage operations that precede building projects. The remainder are excavations initiated by the authority itself.

Aryeh Dean Cohen and Liat Collins contributed to this report.



Omri Shay, 23, a political science student at the Hebrew University, gives blood in an MDA bloodmobile yesterday in downtown Jerusalem. Students donated blood yesterday as part of a country-wide series of events to press their demands for broadening the community service clause of any agreement to end their strike. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

The students' 'voluntary' strike

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The student strike for lower tuition took a new vein yesterday, as students donated blood, entertained children in hospitals, and planted trees across the country to press their demands for widening the community service section of any agreement to end the strike.

While Arye Shumer, director of President Ezer Weizman's office, continued his efforts to bring the two sides together, government sources were still rejecting the students' demands.

"They're apparently enjoying the strike," a spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office said, "and they have no ability to make decisions. They're an insignificant minority in the student leadership which lacks the ability to decide, and they're causing the strike which most of the students oppose."

But the students waiting outside the Magen David Adom bloodmobile adjacent to Jerusalem's Hamashbir Lazarchan department store did not sound deterred by such statements.

"We don't plan to give up so easily. People think we're being very argumentative, and all we care about is whether we'll get 43% reductions in tuition or 50%. That's not the point. We want to contribute as much as we can via community involvement, and extend it beyond the field of education, which is what the government is offering," said Hagar Spiro, a student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who earlier had handed out balloons in Bikur Holim Hospital's children's ward.

Students also volunteered at Jerusalem's Yad Sarah office, planted trees in Tel Aviv, and handed out doughnuts in Haifa hospitals.

Student leaders said they have received numerous requests for assistance ranging from the SPNI to the Israel Cancer Association, and that additional groups were still contacting them. A complete list will be presented to the prime minister once it is compiled, they said.

The spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office was not interested, however.

"We don't plan to agree to community service in parameters that are not related to education. We both agreed upon this, and they're going back on the agreement, as usual," the spokesman said.

"They said they would see to it that it was passed in the presidium of the student union, but they haven't been able to do so, because they're weak... Phone contacts are continuing, but nothing dramatic is happening."

Sivan Mazar, also a Hebrew University student, said "the problem is that nothing we do seems to bother the Treasury. They're building on the fact that the students are afraid their school year will be wrecked. But that's no reason to try to humiliate us with this agreement."

"We sat with the prime minister, and he reached an agreement with him, which is written down. We were supposed to meet with us Sunday, but suddenly they cut their ties with us," said Hebrew University students union spokesman Hanoch Danenberg. "He said two weeks ago he was going to revolutionize and reform education in this country, but so far there is no revolution, no reform.

"I was shocked yesterday to hear that they had increased the budget for Jewish religious education from NIS 8 million to NIS 50 m., and they keep saying there's no money. Where did that money come from? There's money, they just don't transfer it to the right places."

Informational meetings were held on most of the nation's campuses yesterday to try to explain to growing numbers of confused students why their leadership is still refusing to sign the agreement.

"People have been calling up because they're confused by the disinformation the Treasury is putting out," Danenberg said. "They say that we want to continue the strike for the heck of it. That's wrong; we simply haven't gotten anything concrete [from the Treasury] that we can translate into something useful."

Akirov: I will no longer invest in Israel

By LIAT COLLINS

Developer Alfred Akirov, who heads Alrov Ltd., the company building the NIS 500 million Mamilla project, announced yesterday he would no longer invest in Israel and would "no longer go into Jerusalem."

Akirov was invited to an urgent meeting of the Knesset's Jerusalem caucus following his decision to freeze the Mamilla project, just outside the Old City, because Carta, the Jerusalem development company which owns the project, would not approve Alrov's plans to expand the project and open cinemas at the site.

Akirov said he would "sue the state and the Carta Company for hundreds of millions in damages."

He is attributing the ban on cinemas to the high number of haredim he says have been appointed by Deputy Housing and Construction Minister Meir Porush to Carta's board of directors.

The Knesset caucus heard that nearly two years ago the Government Companies Authority had asked to sell Carta but the sale did not go ahead.

The caucus decided to ask the state comptroller to investigate the behavior of Carta.

Carta officials have said that Akirov is trying to expand his building rights in a way that contradicts zoning plans, to boost his profits.

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Drug rehabilitation center for prisoners opens

Supreme Court President Aharon Barak said yesterday at the opening ceremony of Hermon, a new prison in the North, "I am happy because my hopes have been realized, because a new prison has been built, which I envisage as a rehabilitation center whose role will be to wean addicted prisoners off drugs – prisoners who, as well as being surrounded by the walls of the prison, are surrounded by the walls of drugs."

He went on to say that prisoners do not lose their rights when they go into prison, but "like every other human being are entitled to be treated with dignity." Barak thanked the internal security security minister for helping to make the prison a reality given such tight budgetary constraints. *Itim*

Police officer's remand extended

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has extended the remand of Ch.-Supt. Yitzhak Liran by a further four days.

Liran, from the central district traffic department, is suspected of helping his wife obtain the release of soldiers from the army in return for money. His wife is being questioned separately.

Liran, father of five, is also accused of accepting bribes to annul a considerable number of traffic tickets. During the investigation, Yosef Efriat, from Tel Aviv, was also arrested.

He is suspected of collecting the money for the Liran family. The couple's lawyer claims that all the money received was donated to charity. *Itim*

Lawyers can visit suspects around the clock

The Public Defender's Office and the police have agreed to allow lawyers to visit detainees 24 hours a day.

Up to now, police lock-ups had closed at 5 p.m.

The change allows all suspects to use their rights to meet their lawyer "without delay," as stipulated by the new Arrests Law. Under the law, the remand period, in the absence of a judicial decision, is 24 hours.

The Public Defender's offices are open until midnight, to supervise the attorneys' visits. *Itim*

Moslem, Jewish leaders develop guidelines for disagreements

American Jewish and Moslem leaders in southern California are developing a code of ethics to encourage civility and respect in arguments over issues such as religion, Middle East peace and terrorism. The code's authors said Monday that they hope it will serve as a positive example as tensions rise between Palestinians and Israelis.

The document urges people to focus on issues, to verify rumors before making public pronouncements, to avoid stereotypes and words that can incite and to repudiate individuals who appeal to prejudice or violence.

David Lehrer, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Los Angeles, said organizations representing Muslims and Jews expect to ratify the document in a few weeks. *AP*

Hottest November in 35 years

This November was the hottest here in the last 35 years, the Meteorological Service reported. Night temperatures last month averaged 2-3 degrees higher than normal, while day temperatures were 3-4 degrees higher inland and 1.5–2 degrees higher on the coast.

It is also said to be one of the driest Novembers on record – with less than 10 cms. precipitation in most regions, which is less than 20 percent of the normal monthly average.

This autumn is the driest on record here since 1946. *Itim*

Landver proposes making Russian Israel's third official language

By NINA GILBERT

MK Sofa Landver (Labor) said yesterday that making Russian one of the country's official languages would help immigrants adjust to life here.

Landver is drafting a bill to formalize the status of Russian, in what she said is a reaction to the threat by a Beersheba teacher to remove pupils from class for speaking Russian.

"The incitement against Russian immigrants has crossed all red lines," she said.

She denied that such a measure would contribute to sectoralization of the population.

The bill also would enable official government documents to have accompanying Russian translations.

A second bill by Landver aims to allow the study of Russian as a second foreign language throughout the school system, in addition to French and Arabic.

Deputy Education Minister Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) responded to Landver's move by declaring yesterday that he would draft a bill determining that the only official language in Israel is Hebrew.

Zandberg said the time had come for this move after 50 years of independence. This would also mean the cancellation of Arabic as an official language.

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor) said Landver's proposal was wise, and called for the study of a variety of foreign languages in schools, saying it would help preserve the languages immigrants bring to the country. "My parents were from Iraq and spoke Arabic, but I never learned the language because of social pressure to only speak Hebrew," she said, adding that it would help children keep a close connection to their parents.

Itzik also noted that all over the world people make great efforts to learn foreign languages.

However, she said she did not believe that any languages should have the same status as Hebrew and Arabic.

MK Sofa Landver
(Ariel Jerozolimski)

Itim adds:

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu condemned the recent attacks against immigrants from the CIS. At the start of the cabinet meeting yesterday, he singled out the slaying of an immigrant soldier in Ashkelon, slogans written against Russians, and a recent incident at a school in Ashdod.

"These are intolerable acts," Netanyahu said. "We cannot accept such attacks on the immigrants who are a part of us."

Aryeh Dean Cohen adds:

The remarks made by Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller against Russian immigrants and other recent incidents have stirred a storm among worshipers at Moscow synagogues, Moscow Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt told Chaim Chesler, co-chairman of the agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, earlier this week.

Goldschmidt said the Russian Jews are wondering whether Israelis still really want immigration from Russia. Chesler called on Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg to hold an urgent discussion of the matter at the next meeting of the Zionist Executive.

"You Can't Dance With A Murderer"

We are all extremely grateful to Mohammed Dahlan, the Palestinian Security Chief, for his frank admissions in an interview in Gaza, as reported on the front page of The Jerusalem Post of Sunday, November 22, 1998. Dahlan put it this way: "Why did we ask to release the political prisoners?...***because it was us – myself, Mr. Arafat and Abu Mazen – who sent them out on their operations in the first place."***

For those of us who entertained only a suspicion heretofore, we now have it authenticated from an unimpeachable source that it was Arafat and his cohorts who, despite entering into the Rabin-Peres-Arafat Oslo Accords, were consciously and surreptitiously violating the specific terms thereof from the very outset. Despite what Arafat was promising Rabin in a personal letter renouncing terror, he was in fact simultaneously actively engaged in promoting violence and terror against his peace partner. Never mind that his actions were in direct contradiction to the specific terms of Oslo. More important, it revealed that Arafat was laughing up his sleeve at naive Peres and Rabin for having chosen him, an unremitting terrorists, as their peace partner. The message has become crystal clear: ***The word, or even specific writings of commitment from such a peace partner as Arafat and/or the PLO, is of no value whatsoever, and cannot be relied on, neither now nor in the future.***

It is therefore not an unfounded rumor that Arafat has requested of Hamas that they temporarily refrain from acts of violence against Jews and the State of Israel. That is, at least until Israel fulfills what Arafat and the U.S. persuaded Netanyahu to do under Wye, to turn over further large sectors of its small national homeland to Arafat and the PLO. Such a ploy is entirely consistent with the Arafat and PLO overall strategy of destroying Israel in stages. The sudden temporary turning off of the tap of violence – of stone throwing, fire bombs and the like, moreover, is no mere coincidence. Such surprising concerted behavior on the part of the Arab community as a whole throughout Israel, Judea, Samaria and Gaza gives the lie to what Arafat has been saying all along. When requested to control such terror, his reply in the past has been that he cannot control these isolated maverick, and individual acts. When he really wanted to however, his message got through to the Arabs. He simply told them in effect: "Don't upset the apple cart at a time when I have maneuvered the Jews into foolishly giving away their land free of charge or obligation." With such a "peace partner", there is no possibility of a real and lasting peace.

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon recognized this from the very outset of Oslo. On September 3, 1993 he wrote an Op-Ed article in the Jerusalem Post, entitled, **"You Can't Dance With a Murderer."** Sharon, there, phrophetically stated: "...By recognizing this murderer's organization, the PLO, the government has committed an act of madness. By reviving Israel's greatest enemy on the eve of its disintegration and turning it into Israel's shield against Hamas, the government has added crime to folly... There can be no reconciliation, historic or otherwise, with the man who ordered the murders of schoolchildren in Avivim, Ma'alot and Antwerp, of eleven Jewish athletes in Munich..." What say you now, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon?

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Down and dirty

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Forget the days when responsible media considered the private sex lives of elected leaders to be nobody's business. These days, even their unelected daughters are not safe.

The last bastion of media decency in the United States has been a tacit agreement to leave Chelsea Clinton alone, to let her grow up away from the prying eyes of a salacious public and its sleazy priesthood, the trash-tabloid hacks. No more – the *New York Post* has run a grunge-gossip story about her first romantic affair. In Britain, a similar consensus to lay off Princess Diana's boys has been crumbling, and some outrageous invasion of their privacy cannot be far off.

Chelsea was 12 when Dad became president of the United States. Of course, she was immediately thrust into the glare of flashbulbs, but so was Socks the family cat, and as long as it remained at that "Aw gee, aren't they cute" level, and within snapshot moderation, no one was going to object.

Of course, there were inevitable smart-asses from the start, sneering at Chelsea and Socks as First Brat and First Cat. Thanks, First Rat.

Soft slot

Who are tabloid journalists? The satisfying answer is that they are people who sell out whatever craft God gave them to deliver the lowest blow for the highest buck. However, it's not exactly that simple.

In the mid 1980s, when Beirut hostage crises were the big running story for Western media, serious Middle East-based correspondents had their first run-ins with tabloid terrorists crashing their territory. It was entertaining and appalling.

The mere idea of foreign news coverage by British tabloid newspapers has always been enough to unleash the scathing wit of Upper Fleet Street. Hard-working real journalists would dream aloud of an eventual soft slot as foreign editor of the *Sun* or *Mirror* – "one paragraph a week for page 97," as one colleague once drooled over a beer.

In tabloid-land, reality can quickly outpace wit: "Bush pukes on Jap lap" turned out to be the one-paragraph tabloid foreign news of that very week.

During the crisis after Hizbullah took Church of England negotiator Terry Waite hostage, the *Mirror* decided it just had to cover this one, and because it dispatched a "journalist" to Larnaca, so did two of its rivals.

They immediately set off in search of fiercely competitive "hooman intr'st" stories. This involved getting blind drunk with British soldiers from the bases, and then making up lurid copy about their sex lives with Russian spies in sleazy drug dens.

Sheikhy, baby

After three days of trashing the competition with these international scoops, one of them suddenly announced to a group of us snobbish upper-class residents (BBC, Reuters, AP and *The Times*) that he hadn't realized Cyprus was so close to the "Holy Land."

So, he was going over there to persuade "that sheikh fellow" to let him interview Terry Waite. Could we help with some contacts?

We couldn't think of anything more delightful than sending this moron to Israel to tell security at Ben-Gurion he was here to see Sheikh Fadhlallah, the spiritual leader of Hizbullah. ("Hey, Sheikhy baby, yalla!")

Alas, it was all a ploy. What he was really doing was using us to throw his tabloid competition off the scent while he went to a remote Cypriot village for a world exclusive. There he interviewed and photographed a village farmer locally known as a Michail Gorbachev lookalike. The farmer starred briefly in the *Daily Mail* as "Gorby's long-lost brother who disappeared 40 years earlier in Siberia."

However, it appears ignorance, illiteracy and dishonesty are not always essential requirements for entry. A young *Mirror* reporter, an Oxford English graduate, widely traveled and well-read, told me: "You write serious news, I write stuff people read, and the *Mirror* pays me a fortune to do it."

Body of work

There we have the uneasy half-truth that bridges the gulf between serious journalists and tabloid hacks. We think they are hookers peddling fishnet-stocking news, they think we are envious elitist snobs working for flaccid organs. In Britain, the *Sun* sells five million copies a day, the *Independent* a quarter of a million.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart, sniffingly dismissed the Chelsea "split-up with boyfriend" story thus: "I wouldn't consider the *New York Post* to be part of the media."

Whoa, Joe – that's ostrich-land you're heading for. In Britain, no politician lives in daily dread of being ambushed by *The Times*, other than for legitimate policy controversies. It's the *News of the World* or the *Sun* that gets them, usually with pants down.

On the other hand, *New York Post* editor Ken Chandler said the Chelsea Clinton story was no invasion of privacy at all: "She happens to be the daughter of the president."

Whoa, Ken – let's get really down and dirty; know any kids who happen to be those of a prominent newspaper editor?

"Give the people what they want" has become the bankrupt mantra of media that simply do not care any more. Already we get blood and body bits on our television screens, sexual cigar techniques in serious newspapers, and now Doctor Death Kevorkian killing a man on CBS.

Media moralists feign disgust at barbarian public executions in Saudi Arabia, but give them exclusive rights to film one, and they'll be there.

What does the tabloid media philosophy of "nothing sacred" mean? What did increasingly bloody circuses say about a once-noble Rome? We should be told, but with a depraved media, who will tell us? In the meantime – lock up your daughters.

Raising Russian spirits?

Searching for a way out of the current economic and fiscal crisis, Moscow has its eye on bringing the ever-lucrative vodka industry under greater state 'control'

By MICHAEL A. HILTZIK

With evident satisfaction, Alexander Z. Vartanov strained to be heard over the din of clanking bottles.

"There are three things a man can watch forever without growing bored," said the factory foreman with the air of someone unburdening himself of an ancient Russian proverb. "A fire burning, water flowing... and other people working."

On display behind him was a living tableau of the last-mentioned – several dozen women tending two serpentine production lines on which thousands of bottles were being filled with a crystalline liquid, then capped, labeled and packed in cases.

This is the Topaz plant, about 25 miles north of Moscow, one of the few factories in this country manufacturing a product that people are willing to buy. That product is vodka, which is once again – as it often has been throughout Russian history – the gold standard by which all other Russian industry is measured, and a favored instrument of state fiscal control.

Today the vodka industry, only privatized six years ago, is under an assault engendered both by the product's obvious value and its sheer ubiquitousness.

The government, desperate for a way out of the fiscal and economic crisis gripping this land, announced on Sept. 29 a plan to bring alcohol production under greater state "control." Most observers interpreted the term as meaning, at the very least, an increase in licensing fees and taxes on alcohol producers. Others heard a suggestive hint of "nationalization."

Although Prime Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov said there would be no re-establishment of Russia's traditional government alcohol monopoly, one Moscow magazine quoted a vodka executive as remarking: "In the brains of the government, the idea of nationalization is already fermenting."

THAT'S not surprising: Vodka provided as much as 30 percent of all government revenue under the czars and the Soviet regime; now it contributes less than 5%.

Since the Soviet state crumbled seven years ago, Russia's gross domestic product has shrunk by well over half. Acres upon acres of land on which once-bustling, if woefully inefficient, collective farms operated now lie fallow while imported foodstuffs fill the shops.

According to a recent analysis in the journal *Foreign Affairs*, in 1997 capital investment in Russian industry, agriculture, transportation and communications was no more than 17% of investment in the same sectors seven years earlier.

Moscow teenagers pile into a beat up motorcycle with their bottle of vodka: Vodka has become a Russian symbol of hospitality, conviviality, peasant heartiness and wintry despair. (AP)

The exception to this baleful record is the vodka industry. It is not unusual to hear the directors of vodka plants boast about how much they already pay in taxes – this in a land where tax avoidance is a national sport and many large companies pay as much as 90 percent of their taxes by barter. Even Gazprom, the natural gas company that is Russia's privatized heavyweight, recently announced that it will pay 2% of its $790 million tax bill in food.

"There are perhaps 20 companies like ours in the whole country," said Vladimir V. Antonov, the Topaz plant's deputy director for production and quality, referring to fully private enterprises capable of turning a consistent profit.

Topaz maintains a work force of about 500 people on full wages, he noted, and boasts some of the most modern distilling equipment in Russia.

The company paid 120 billion rubles in taxes last year, or about $20m. at 1997 exchange rates, he said; it will pay 200 million rubles this year – still about $13m., despite the sharp devaluation of the ruble last August.

IT is not only because of its storied capacity to raise money that vodka plays a unique role in Russian policy and life. As the Japanese revere rice and the French their own language, to Russians vodka represents much that is quintessentially Russian, a symbol of hospitality, conviviality, peasant heartiness and wintry despair. Its role is evident in traditional sayings: "There are only two kinds of vodka, good and very good." Or: "Tea is not vodka – you can't drink a lot of it."

But while vodka's profitability makes it a ripe target for government control or even a takeover, legitimate vodka producers face what may be an even greater threat: crime.

Official statistics suggest that the real business of Russia is not vodka production, but illegal vodka production. And those illicit operations, which avoid the government's stiff excise taxes, can undercut the street price of legitimate vodka by as much as 50%.

Government tax police say that in 1997, when Russians consumed 660 million gallons of vodka, legal production for domestic consumption amounted to only 217 million gallons. That means as much as two-thirds of all the vodka drunk in the country that year was produced or imported illegally – "a rather sad figure," Viktor L. Khvorostyan, major general of the tax police service, said at a recent news conference.

Legitimate vodka producers say what fuels this trade is the government's own ham-handed tax system. While production of an average bottle of vodka costs about 5 rubles, or about 30 cents, the government tax on that same bottle is 10 rubles – which must be paid by the producer. Since no tax is typically collected at the store counter, retail shops nationwide have plenty of incentive to offer customers the underpriced, if illegal, product.

AS anyone would know from studying the Prohibition era, the one economic sector certain to profit from arbitraging the gap between the cost of real and illicit vodka is organized crime.

"No illegal alcohol business can be done just by one person acting alone," said Maj. Gen. Khvorostyan. "As a rule, what we have are well-organized criminal groups consisting of both downright criminals and people who seem normal at first sight, but are in reality corrupted officials."

The harvest, he concluded, has been that "this is truly a bloody business, one of the cruelest types of business in Russia today."

Not that legitimate vodka producers have always conducted their business serenely, as is attested to by the Topaz factory's top-of-the-line product, Saproshin vodka, which comes in a slender milky-white glass bottle topped with a pointed brown cap and designed to resemble a rifle shell.

That's a memorial, Antonov cheerfully reveals, to the eponymous Saproshin, who perished by gunshot not long after he and two partners pooled 1 million rubles each to turn a Pushkino scrap yard into a private vodka factory in 1994.

The circumstances of his death? "It was a dispute over ownership," Antonov says.

Given the Wild West nature of the vodka trade, it is perhaps not surprising that the government portrayed its efforts to secure a greater share of vodka revenue – including beefing up the tax police force and tightening up the licensed sale of alcoholic beverages – as an anti-contraband policy. To the extent such a policy would aid legitimate producers, it is more likely to gain their support.

"This is the right decision made at the right time," said Grigory A. Koshkarov, deputy general director of Kristall, the Moscow-based producer of Stolichnaya vodka. "The market mechanisms are not in place for normal competition."

IT is also more likely to gain public favor, since one noticeable result of the spread of illegal vodka is a rise in poisonings by adulterated spirits sold as pure. According to the tax police service, more than 90,000 people died from drinking methanol or other substandard alcohol in the last year.

But most market observers view Primakov's Sept. 29 directive more as an attempt to regain ground lost when the post-Soviet government of 1992 relinquished the state's 68-year-old monopoly on alcohol.

"The majority of our people think it was either a grave mistake or a criminal conspiracy for the state to allow such an enormous amount of money to slip out of the hands of the government," said Valery A. Oreshkin, a trade expert who is director of the All-Russia Market Research Institute in Moscow.

How firm the government intends to be is still unclear, as the formal regulations have yet to be published.

"One aspect of Soviet and Russian socialism," said Antonov, sounding like a man whose business fortune has been subject to the whims of bureaucrats for far too long, "is that no document ever stands on its own. Who will I have to pay for my license? Who will I have to bribe? Until the subsidiary documents explain this, no one will know what will happen."

(Los Angeles Times)

The voice of China is growing softer

BEIJING – The people are reading all about it, but no longer in the *People's Daily*, the official mouthpiece of the Communist Party.

China's novel system of "socialism with Chinese characteristics" – which means almost anything goes – has given rise to thousands of newspapers trumpeting tales of official corruption, environmental degradation, domestic violence, celebrity gossip and murder.

The aggressive upstarts have caused the august and deadly dull *People's Daily* to lose half its circulation, forcing the paper to start giving itself a makeover so it can better live up to its name.

In January, the paper finally conceded that most Chinese are more concerned about money than Mao. It beefed up its business coverage with a weekly insert devoted to detailed charts of the stock markets and other money-making ideas. It also introduced a society page and a more reader friendly design.

"We have, on the one hand, reinforced its authoritativeness, while at the same time made it more accessible to readers," said Xu Zhongtian, who assumed the cabinet-rank position of chief editor in March.

The paper's tentative steps are forced by the fast-moving media scene. From about 200 newspapers fewer than 20 years ago, China now has more than 2,000 daily newspapers and 10,000 weekly or monthly magazines, all jostling for the attention of a wandering public. In addition, hundreds of TV stations in every region of the country reach an estimated 900 million people. China also has recorded the fastest-growing Internet usage in Asia, its present number of 1.83 million users projected to rise to 9.37 million in 2002.

ALL the new-style newspapers are owned by units of the Communist Party or are otherwise indirectly controlled by it; private ownership remains illegal. But as part of a less intrusive social environment, the papers in practice operate increasingly freely and compete fiercely. Most of them feed readers a daily diet of rape and murder, wife beatings and extramarital affairs, property disputes, legal reform and, yes, unrequited love.

Some have become wildly popular by publishing stories on official corruption – although only at provincial and lower levels.

Many carry thoughtful stories on the most vile of China's polluters, usually corporations owned by the state. Perhaps the best of them is *Southern Weekend*, published in the city of Guangzhou and circulated nationally. Papers such as *Beijing Youth Daily*, oriented toward the urban young with its articles on popular music and fashion, also are read widely.

One of the most successful of the new-style papers, the *Xinmin Evening News*, published in Shanghai, is unabashed about its approach to the news, which it describes as "shorter, shorter, even shorter; softer, softer, even softer." In these new-breed papers, the boundaries of news fit to print have been extended.

"The one area that's really off-limits to 'real' reporting is politics – domestic and foreign policy," said Judy Polumbaum, an associate professor of journalism at the University of Iowa, who specializes on the Chinese media.

That is the acknowledged domain of the *People's Daily*, which continues to record every ponderous pronouncement from party leaders.

THE paper commands few voluntary readers these days. Although its daily circulation of fewer than 3 million is still nearly double that of its closest rivals, the number is a steep decline from its peak of more than 6 million in the early 1980s, when the paper was under the sway of a crusading editor, Hu Jiwei, who was subsequently deposed for showing excessive zeal for political reform.

Part of the paper's attempts to try to win back its readership is publication of a section called "Society Weekly," its version of a society page, although it eschews any titillating tidbits and focuses on issues such as rural electricity prices. The paper's redesign makes it look a little less forbidding, although no color is used except on earth-shattering occasions.

But the *People's Daily* is failing to attract readers such as Ren Yanhua, a 26-year-old kindergarten teacher in Beijing who prefers newspapers that write more about ordinary people, not the leaders, and focus more on everyday concerns.

"I usually read the *Beijing Youth Daily*... and *China Women's News*," Ren said. "I only flip through the *People's Daily* once in a while."

Editor Xu says his paper, available only by subscription, is above the crowds.

"Our readers are mainly leading officials, Communist Party members and people concerned with affairs of state," he said.

Despite the changes being made at the paper, it seems unlikely that it can go far enough to recapture an audience no longer beholden to it.

Not that the readers necessarily trusted it to begin with. In fact, many newspaper readers here are practiced in the art of tea-leaf reading. Typically, they have scanned the paper to decipher hidden messages, get clues about leadership intrigues and divisions – and how those might affect them.

Much of the circulation comes from mandatory subscription by every government office, state-owned enterprise and educational institution. The *People's Daily* is generally unavailable at newsstands and read mostly at work.

The *People's Daily* is open to a few noncontroversial nods in the direction of modernity. Its Web site (http://www.peopledaily.com.cn) is updated nine times each day and claims more than 2 million hits monthly. From Beijing, the paper transmits each edition by satellite to 30 printing plants around China and the world.

All the while faithfully propagating the party doctrine. And losing readers. (Newsday)

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Republicans move to expand Clinton impeachment inquiry

By LAURIE KELLMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) – The House Judiciary Committee voted along party lines yesterday to subpoena evidence about President Bill Clinton's campaign fund-raising, effectively expanding its impeachment inquiry into a new area.

Committee Democrats sharply objected and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt demanded that Republican House leaders take steps to control the inquiry.

Gephardt charged that "chaos is reigning" in the impeachment probe and suggested outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich or incoming Speaker Bob Livingston "needs to be given the responsibility, needs to take" control.

In the midst of a hearing carefully planned to underscore the seriousness of perjury, the Judiciary Committee voted 20-15 along party lines to subpoena evidence from the Justice Department investigation of fund-raising abuses in Clinton's 1996 campaign.

"It's my worry that this is becoming an impeachment inquiry in search of a high crime," said the panel's senior Democrat, John Conyers of Michigan.

Democrats have said the evidence against Clinton related to his sexual affair with White house intern Monica Lewinsky does not reach the level of "high crimes and misdemeanors" required by the US Constitution for impeachment of a sitting president.

Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation, which prompted the impeachment hearing, did not cover campaign financing or any other issue except the Lewinsky matter. But committee chairman Henry Hyde, a Republican, insisted that the panel could examine other allegations of presidential wrongdoing.

Hyde said he still hoped to wrap up the inquiry by the end of the month but felt "duty bound" to explore "anything else that comes to our attention," including Justice Department internal memos that may point to wrongdoing by the president.

House Republicans questioned two women prosecuted for lying in sex cases as they explored whether Clinton should be held to the same standard.

"Because a president is not a king, he or she must abide by the same laws as the rest of us," Barbara Battalino told the committee. The former Veterans Affairs hospital psychologist is serving a home detention sentence after pleading guilty in a case in which she lied about a sexual relationship with a patient.

The carefully scripted hearing came as the Judiciary Committee, just a week before a planned vote on impeachment articles against Clinton, moved behind the scenes to obtain evidence from the Justice Department investigation of fund-raising abuses in Clinton's 1996 campaign. The move made Democrats stew.

One week before a vote is "no time to commence" a new probe into Clinton's campaign finances, Conyers said. "Campaign finance has no relationship" to the sex-and-lies report submitted to Congress by Starr, Conyers said.

Democrats aired several complaints at the hearing.

"The American people and the president still don't know what the charges are," Conyers complained.

Rep. Barney Frank, a Democrat, said Republicans had staged yesterday's hearing to rally support for impeachment articles. "This is an effort to increase votes on the floor because they're in a little bit of trouble," Frank said.

WORLD

in brief

Italy PM calls Ocalan "terrorist," urges fair trial

ROME (Reuters) – Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema yesterday explicitly referred to detained Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan as a "terrorist" and said he was working to bring him before a court to face a fair trial.

D'Alema, who has travelled to various European Union capitals to garner support from within in the bloc over the Ocalan case, insisted that at the same time attention had to be focused on finding a peaceful solution to the Kurdish question. Turkish President Suleiman Demirel expressed anger earlier with Italian procrastination over the issue.

Germany, France agree on economic priorities

POTSDAM, Germany (AP) — Germany and France agreed yesterday that fighting unemployment should be Europe's top priority.

In a joint declaration at the end of a two-day German-French summit in Potsdam, outside of Berlin, the leaders said a jobs-creation pact is needed to offset years of government austerity measures to get Europe ready for the euro, being launched January 1.

French and German leaders also called for tighter international scrutiny of the financial world to counter damaging swings in the markets.

Both sides set officials to work to assess the possible effects of the new German government's pledge to wean the country off nuclear power. France has no such plans and does lucrative business reprocessing nuclear fuel from German power plants.

Chernobyl repairs delayed

KIEV (AP) – Energy shortages have forced Ukraine to postpone repairs on the sole operational reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant by at least two weeks, officials said yesterday.

Chernobyl's reactor No. 3 would be operating until December 15 before energy authorities decide whether to stop it, a spokesman with the state nuclear energy company Energoatom said.

Ukraine's Nuclear Regulation Administration earlier this month ordered the reactor be shut down yesterday, warning that some safety equipment was reaching the end of its operational life and needed to be upgraded or replaced.

Christian mobs burn two houses in Indonesia

KUPANG, Indonesia (AP) – Christian mobs burned two houses, a car and a motorcycle yesterday on the second day of unrest in a provincial capital of Indonesia where rioters had already burned and ransacked 15 mosques.

In a separate outburst of religious violence, Moslem crowds set afire two homes used for Christian worship as well as a shop and a cinema on Java, Indonesia's main island.

The riots raised fears that tit-for-tat attacks on places of worship will escalate in the world's most populous Moslem nation, which is already enduring severe economic and political turmoil.

Malaysia judge allows Anwar lawyers leeway

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - The judge in Anwar Ibrahim's corruption and sex trial allowed the defense yesterday to try to prove a high-level conspiracy against the sacked Malaysian minister, granting Anwar's lawyers scope he had earlier denied.

High Court Judge Augustine Paul permitted the defence to counter-attack after he had rocked the court by ordering one of the ousted finance minister's lawyers jailed for three months.

On the 17th day of the trial at the heart of Malaysia's simmering civil unrest, the defence scrambled to regain its balance after the judge's shock order on Monday.

Gore picks campaign manager

WASHINGTON (AP) – Vice president Al Gore has not formally announced his intention to run for president but he already is putting together his team for a 2000 bid.

White House political director Craig Smith has agreed to be Gore's campaign manager, according to several Democratic officials close to Gore. Smith will be in charge of the day-to-day operation of Gore's campaign if the vice president decides to run.

Smith, 40, worked for then-Gov. Bill Clinton and came to Washington in 1993, serving first in the the Democratic National Committee. In 1996, Smith helped coordinate Clinton's campaign efforts.

Hanks: I don't regret giving Clinton fund money

NEW YORK (AP) – A day after The *New Yorker* magazine reported that Tom Hanks regretted giving $10,000 to the Clinton legal defense fund, the actor said he still supports the president.

"If I was asked to do it again, I would probably give twice as much," Hanks told reporters.

Hanks had been quoted as saying he regretted making the donation in light of President Bill Clinton's admission that he had an inappropriate relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

IMF chief meets Russian PM for crisis talks

MOSCOW (Reuters) – International Monetary Fund head Michel Camdessus met Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov yesterday at the start of two days of talks on ways to prevent Russia's economic crisis from spinning out of control.

But Camdessus was not expected to offer any immediate cash, despite warnings by Russian officials that the only alternative to new credits would be printing large amounts of money – a recipe for hyperinflation and further hardship.

"I came to get better acquainted with the prime minister and, I presume, have an interesting conversation with him," Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, said in brief comments to reporters at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport.

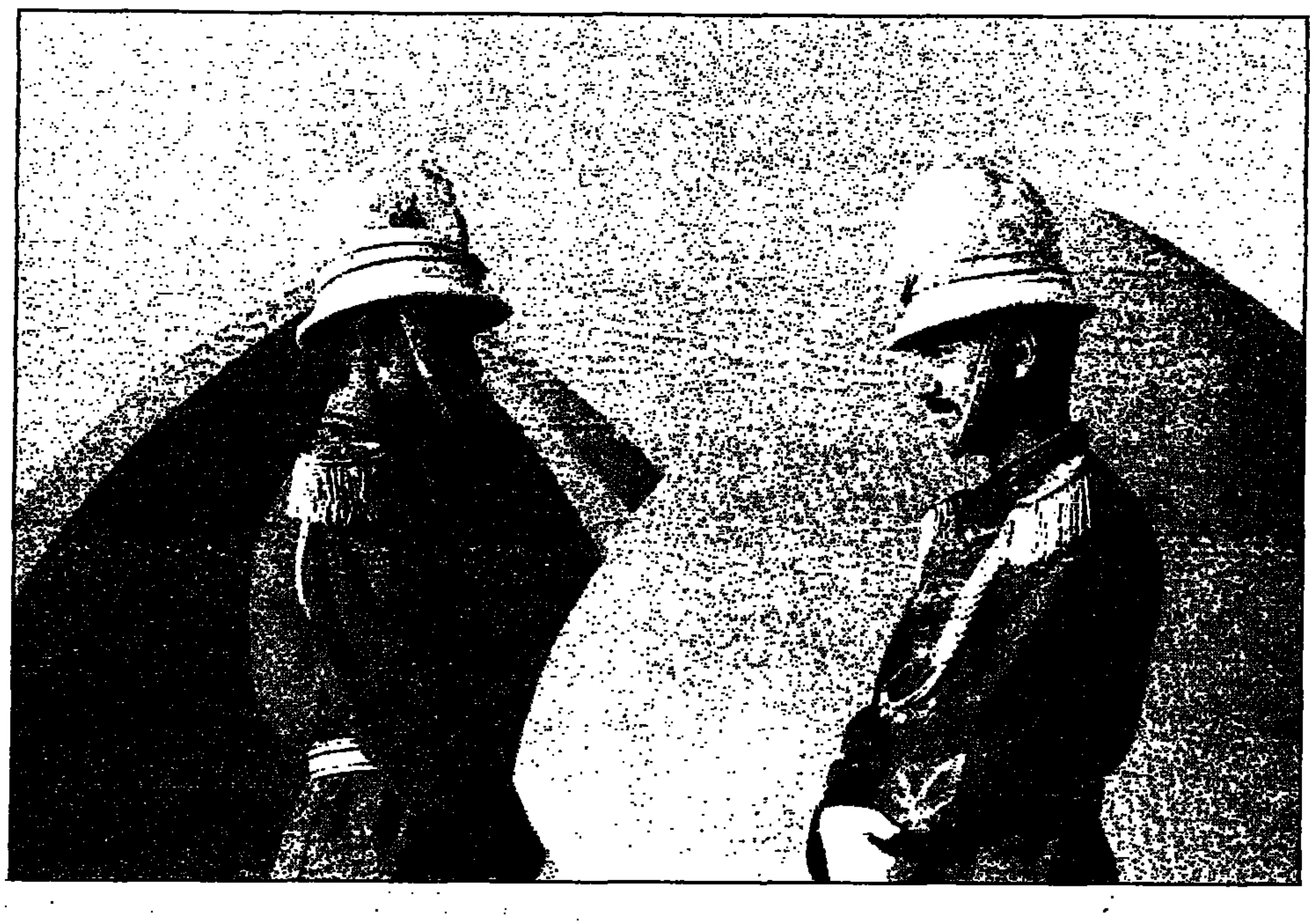
Camdessus and Primakov held an "unofficial meeting" ahead of formal talks scheduled for today, Itar-Tass agency quoted the prime minister's press secretary as saying.

"I very much count on the IMF taking a decision to provide help to Russia, help that would avoid hyperinflation," Oleg Sysuyev, deputy head of President Boris Yeltsin's administration, told a news conference earlier yesterday.

Yeltsin, who is in a hospital with pneumonia, underlined the importance of the talks by discussing preparations with Primakov before Camdessus arrived. The Kremlin said they also discussed budget problems, but gave no details.

A source close to the Kremlin said hopes of an immediate breakthrough at the talks were almost nil, but Primakov wanted to ensure Camdessus, 65, understood the difficulties Russia faces. The 69-year-old premier at the weekend described some IMF experts as "kids who've seen almost nothing in life."

Russia wants an IMF stamp of approval for its economic plans and for its proposals to reschedule crushing foreign debts.



Iraqi Martyrs' day

Iraqi soldiers stand guard by the Martyrs' Memorial in Baghdad, prior to a ceremony yesterday to mark Martyr's Day, in commemoration of those who died during the Iran-Iraq war. (Reuters)

Chinese police crack down on illegal party

BEIJING (AP) – In an apparent attempt to crush a budding opposition party, Chinese police have detained two of China's most prominent dissidents and three other democracy campaigners, a human-rights group and relatives of those taken into custody said yesterday.

Police in two cities descended on the homes of Xu Wenli, Qin Yongmin and other members of the China Democracy Party on Monday night and took them away, relatives and the human-rights group said.

The police action was one of the harshest since dissidents announced the formation of the would-be opposition group in June to challenge the ruling Communist Party's monopoly on power.

Since then, police have questioned, briefly detained and harassed the activists but refrained from filing charges.

Signaling the leadership's resolve to quash any challenges, the party's No. 2, legislative chairman Li Peng, was quoted yesterday as saying that Western-style democracy was inappropriate for China and opposition groups would not be tolerated.

If organizations seek "the multi-party system and try to negate the leadership of the Communist Party, then they will not be allowed to exist," Li told the German business daily, *Handelsblatt*, in an interview carried by China's official Xinhua News Agency.

Police informed the family of Qin Yongmin yesterday that he was arrested for plotting to overthrow the government, the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said. The crime carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

In taking Xu Wenli from his home Monday night, police produced an arrest warrant and a search warrant that identified him as a criminal suspect, said his wife, He Xitong. Unlike previous occasions when Xu was held only for short periods, she feared this time authorities were planning to charge and convict him.

Twenty police officers ransacked their Beijing apartment, seizing a computer, a fax machine, address books, video tapes, a typewriter, more than 1,000 pages of documents and even a telephone, she said.

"Xu Wenli has already paid heavily for democracy. I understand that he is ready to pay again," said his wife. "Xu Wenli won't give up."

Qin and Xu are among the most influential figures in China's fractured, persecuted dissident community. Their campaigning started in the Democracy Wall protest movement of the late 1970s.

Xu served all but three years of a 15-year jail sentence, much of it in solitary confinement, and was released in 1993.

Qin was jailed for several years in the 1980s and then again in 1994-95.

Lukewarm reelection for Quebec separatists

By DAVID CRARY

MONTREAL (AP) – Like ambivalent boxing judges, Quebec voters gave their combative politicians a split decision: The pro-independence government gets another term in power, but with support so tepid that a secession bid is unlikely any time soon.

The separatist Parti Quebecois retained a large legislative majority in Monday's provincial election, winning 75 of the 125 seats to earn a new term of up to five years.

But the anti-separatist Quebec Liberal Party, though winning only 48 seats, received 44 percent of the popular vote to 43% for the Parti Quebecois.

As a result, Liberal leader Jean Charest sounded more buoyant in his remarks to supporters than Premier Lucien Bouchard, the separatist leader, did in his victory speech.

"The result tonight ... reflects the fact that the people of Quebec, like the people of all Canada, want this country of ours to work and be a success," said Charest, who will serve as opposition leader in the provincial legislature.

The split decision stems from the geographical distribution of political support in Quebec.

Anti-separatist support is concentrated in about 40 districts, mostly around multi-ethnic Montreal, where the Liberals can rack up huge victory margins. The separatists, whose backing comes almost entirely from Quebec's French-speaking majority, are competitive in a much larger number of districts spread across the province.

Parti Quebecois supporters cheer as they listen to election results in Quebec City on Monday. (Reuters)

Bouchard, 59, had campaigned on the pledge that he would — if returned to power — call for a referendum on seceding from Canada whenever he felt conditions were right for a separatist victory.

But with only 43% support for his party, Bouchard is likely to shelve any immediate push for a referendum and concentrate instead on policies that will build public confidence.

"There is no question that this vote was a vote to elect a government, not a vote to determine the future of Quebec or the future of the country," said Brian Tobin, the premier of Newfoundland.

"I wouldn't expect with these results that Mr. Bouchard will be thinking of a referendum any time soon, if ever."

Bouchard paid tribute to his opponents' determination and pledged to work with them on policy matters. But he also promised to work for the "winning conditions" that would make independence possible eventually.

"Our first priority is to advance Quebec ... to push it farther toward its destiny," he said.

The federal government kept a low profile during the 33-day campaign, not wanting to undercut Charest in a province where many francophones are traditionally wary of federal intentions.

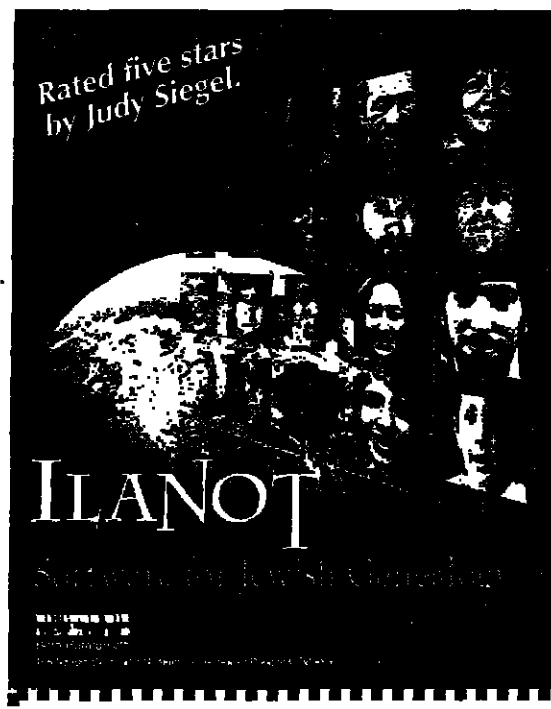
Early Tuesday, after the results were known, Prime Minister Jean Chretien assured Bouchard of cooperation in helping strengthen Quebec's economy and social services.

"But when he talks about bringing together his famous winning conditions, which he refuses to reveal, to hold another referendum on separation, he should know we will defend our country," Chretien said.

About 80% of the 5.2 million eligible voters cast ballots in Monday's election, high by North American standards but down from 93% for the 1995 referendum.

About 83% of Quebec's 7.4 million people are French speakers. The rest are divided among English-speakers with long-term roots in Canada and more recently arrived immigrants from southern Europe, Asia and elsewhere.

The long-term crusade for Quebec independence stems from a feeling among many French Quebeckers that their culture is different from the rest of Canada, plus a yearning to manage their own affairs and have their own national symbols.



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It's the poor who pay

The annual poverty figures have been released, and along with them come the annual efforts by politicians to hitch their agendas to the suffering of the poor. If the poor are truly to be helped, the calculus of compassion must be expanded beyond the simplistic debate between social spenders and budget cutters.

The "poverty report" is a product of the National Insurance Institute, an interested party in the budget debate. The NII measures poverty in relation to a poverty line, which is defined as a percentage of the median income. In other words, if the rich get richer, the "poverty line" moves up with them, and more people will fall below it, even if their objective situation has not changed.

The NII reports that in 1997, 16.2 percent of Israelis lived below the poverty line, a slight increase from the previous year. But since a relative yardstick has been applied, all we know from the NII figure is that the gap between rich and poor grew.

The social costs of increasing gaps in income is not negligible, and is potentially a legitimate subject of public concern. But the income gap between 1985 to 1997, a period which saw tremendous change in the Israeli economy, reveals a surprisingly stable, if sobering, picture. According the Central Bureau of Statistics, throughout this 12-year span, the bottom fifth of households survived upon roughly 7% of the national gross income, while the top fifth enjoyed roughly 41%.

The picture painted by these figures is that, despite tax rates among the highest in the Western world and generous policies of social spending maintained by different governments, the large gap between rich and poor remains. There is, it is clear, a point of diminishing returns in the gigantic social exercise of income redistribution. Although such redistribution is necessary, it is also a dead end.

Though the leaders arguing for holding the line on the budget – Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel – are on the right track, they have fallen short in presenting a positive vision of what will help the poor most, and, incidentally, the economy as a whole. Policy makers need not be helpless when it comes to helping the poor, but some of the most important steps that need to be taken are barely on the policy agenda.

The Israeli economy, for example, is riddled with monopolies, oligopolies, and barriers to real competition. Consumer items from milk and electronic goods to apartments and cars are significantly more expensive than they would be if the interlocking morass of obstacles to competition were removed. The vitality of the high-tech sector and the plummeting prices for international and cellular telephone calls are testimony to the power of competition to revive the economy.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, in his address to the US Congress soon after taking office, boasted that he would introduce the word "deregulation" into the Hebrew language. Since then, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky has gamely forced supermarkets to put prices on their goods, and ordered a review of dozens of competition-busting regulations.

But at this rate it could take decades to disentangle the cozy protected niches that dominate the Israeli economy. Though privatization is lumbering along, the largest candidates for increasing competition, such as the banking sector and the construction and agribusiness cartels, are barely being touched.

The rich, of course, benefit from the system and can afford to pay the high prices. The poor and middle class, in the meantime, are hit both in their wallets and by being deprived of opportunities for economic mobility.

Despite this, the so-called "social lobby" is strangely unconcerned with the cause of increasing competition within the Israeli economy.

In today's tight budget climate, even the social lobby has largely avoided calls for increases in transfer payments, and is instead pushing for lower interest rates and increasing investment in infrastructure, both human and physical. This is a positive change, and a sign that at least lip service must be paid to sensible economics.

Regarding interest rates, yesterday's special cabinet meeting to berate Frenkel and jawbone him into reducing rates was not particularly helpful. Neeman claims that inflation can be kept down without keeping rates as high as they are; perhaps he is right. But the currency and stock markets have been rewarding Frenkel's tough monetary policy, and their professional judgments should not be lightly tossed aside.

As this economic debate swirls above, the plight of the poorest Israelis is often invoked but is rarely seriously dealt with. They must be helped in the short term by plugging holes in the social safety net, particularly through increased backing for job retraining.

In the longer term, however, it is the poor who pay the most for the stultifying structure of much of the Israeli economy, and it is for their sake that this structure should be opened up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUR GRAPES

Sir, – Naomi Chazan's article, "Absenteeism and anarchy," (November 20) is a demonstration of the old adage that "if you keep doing the same thing, but expect a different result, you're showing irrationality." Perhaps the article should have been entitled, "Sour grapes."

The direct election of an individual, be it mayor or prime minister, is the voters' acceptance of the past performance or anticipation of the candidate's future potential to accomplish an agenda with which they are in agreement, and a rejection of the "cronyism" of the established political machines.

The Knesset is a great example of the old refrain; "every little movement has a meaning [political party] of its own," including MK Chazan's.

It is time for our politicians to start thinking about what is best for Israel, and not merely what will keep their party in power. It will either reinforce and enlarge the existing parties, or eliminate them.

Either way the nation benefits.

Too many politicians think the voters are too naive to be given the facts. Perhaps they're right! We put them into office.

G.M. DINERMAN

Ra'anana.

IMMIGRANT ORIGINS

Sir, – Helen Schary Motro's article "Cold Turkey" (November 26), promulgates David Ben-Gurion's long debased theory of erasing all immigrant origins.

I was raised in the 1950s in a Chicago neighborhood with Americans of Jewish, Irish, Polish and Swedish descent. All these groups were good, sometimes wildly patriotic Americans, but this in no way inhibited them from joyously celebrating their myriad holidays from the "old country."

In fact, just the reverse was the case. Their patriotism as Americans freed them to celebrate their national origins without any fear of censure. There was no conflict of interest between Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day. This kind of skewered reasoning was never even commented upon.

Israel has been my home for the past 22 years and I have happily hosted or attended Thanksgiving dinners in Israel 22 times.

To Helen Schary Motro I can only say, if eating roast turkey, candied sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce is enough to "invite ambivalence, even regret" regarding your aliya, then in your heart you're already gone.

JESSICA DAVIS-STEIN

Jerusalem.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

Sir, – "Remember remember – the Fifth of November!"

Regarding Helen Schary Motro's nice article "Cold Turkey" (November 26) – it's "Guy Fawkes Night" (not Day). My ex-British blood ran cold! I certainly don't miss it here – we have too many explosions without it!

DORIS HASSON

Haifa.

RUBBER GLOVES

Sir, – The television news recently showed schoolchildren in Tel Aviv clearing up the beach of all the rubbish thoughtless public had left behind.

However, I was very surprised to see that the children were handling the rubbish with their bare hands and not with rubber gloves.

The television reporter asked one of the teachers why the children had not been given gloves and she answered: "We were not issued rubber gloves but the children were instructed not to handle 'certain' rubbish!"

I was very surprised by this reply and I blame the teacher for being irresponsible and not insisting on the children being equipped with rubber gloves in view of the germs that are about now.

RAHEL SHRAGA

Oranit.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On December 2, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Israel's claim to Jerusalem was formally stated by the President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, on his first visit to the city since the creation of the state. The president stressed that any foreign rule over "this Jewish city" was inconceivable.

Machine-gun and rifle parts were found by UN observers among the relief supplies in the UN-sponsored convoy carrying food and water to the trapped Egyptians in the Falujja pocket. The convoy was turned back to Gaza.

25 years ago: On December 2, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on the death of David Ben-Gurion at the age of 87. His son, Amos, his two daughters, Geula and Renana, and his personal physician, Dr. Boleslav Goldman, were with him during his last hours.

Alexander Zvielli

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A movie five kilometers from the Western Wall is OK, but 4.5 kilometers is just too close...
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Lebanon without surprises

MOSHE ZAK

Dozens of officers and NCOs in the South Lebanese Army were put on trial during the last few weeks in Beirut and sentenced in absentia to long jail sentences for the crime of serving in the SLA.

The verdicts made no impression on the sentenced soldiers, and it is doubtful whether anyone resigned because of them. The fact is that 700 out of an army of 2,400 serving in the south, have been killed in the last 13 years in attacks by their fellow-citizens from the north, and the SLA's ranks have been and are being replenished with new volunteers.

The southerners didn't panic, even when the IDF refused to assist them in the Jezzin area. The area is under the command of SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, and isn't part of the security zone. The SLA officers who took upon themselves the responsibility of exclusive control of the Jezzin area wouldn't be frightened off by a trial held behind their backs in Beirut, as long as they could rely on the Israeli presence in the security zone.

But there is no doubt that they will have good reason for concern if the IDF abandons the area to Hizbullah control in an act of unilateral withdrawal from the security zone. The northerners will try to take vengeance on the southerners, and Israel must decide whether it can abandon its allies in this fashion.

In the agreement that Israel signed with the Lebanese government on May 17, 1983 fixing the arrangements for IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, Israel made provision for the fate of the SLA soldiers and it was mutually agreed that they would be incorporated into a special territorial unit of the Lebanese army. The agreement was approved by a majority in the Lebanese Parliament and needed only the signature of president Amin Jemayel.

The Syrians vetoed the pact, and Jemayel was frightened off and didn't sign it. But this can't absolve Israel of its responsibility for the fate of the SLA soldiers if it withdraws from south Lebanon without first making an agreement with the Lebanese government.

THE situation in Lebanon isn't static; there are always changes, with many coalitions being formed and broken.

It's wrong to think, for example, that the SLA is mostly manned by Christians, though this was once the case. Today, there are many Shi'ites in the SLA, and they are also liable to be exposed to acts of vengeance by Hizbullah.

In the past, the Syrian army struck against the terrorist organizations engaged in terrorist acts against Israel; today Syria assists the terrorist organizations' operations.

> **It would be nice if the Syrians weren't hearing all facets of our debate before we decide**

When the Syrian army wanted to extend its deployment in Lebanon in 1976, American mediators urged Israel to accept this deployment up to Nabatiyeh. They justified this in a manner hard to imagine today, saying that the Syrians were disposing of more Palestinian terrorists at a much higher rate than the IDF.

But today Damascus is a midway station for the airlift bringing arms from Teheran to the terrorists shelling Israel.

There have also been changes in the identity of the terrorists. Then, the terrorists were from the PLO, and their behavior towards the central government in Lebanon prevented Syria from completing its plan to take control of the whole of Lebanon by accommodation with the Maronite community. But today, the Syrian takeover is complete; Hizbullah does nothing to interfere with relations between Syria and Lebanon.

In the past, Syria was forced to request Israel's permission for its army to move south, and even to accept, through mediators an Israeli restriction in the form of a "red line" that served as a kind of buffer zone between the Syrian army and the Israeli border.

Today, Syria refuses to discuss any arrangements for the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon without first being compensated by Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The Golan Heights dispute existed then also, of course, but the Syrians didn't link it to the deployment of forces in Lebanon.

Why? Because then the Syrians were afraid of a military response from Israel if the Syrian army even approached the Israeli border. Today, Assad relies on the camouflage net provided by the Hizbullah. He can use it to conduct a war of attrition against Israel by remote control, without being exposed to a direct conflict with Israel.

These changes in the coalitions and conceptions of the Syrians point to Assad's flexibility. Diplomats and journalists keep writing his obituary, citing his failing health. Hundreds of articles have been published in the world media on the struggle for the succession taking place in Damascus. But he just goes on smiling, and each time makes another surprise move – without announcing marathon sessions of the cabinet to take decisions on the situation in Lebanon, as we do. We generally take the whole world into our confidence – and that means Syria, too – regarding all our considerations and hesitations in the face of the difficult situation in Lebanon.

The publicity that closely follows these deliberations blocks off many possible courses of action for us. The initiative that we demand from the IDF in combatting terrorism in south Lebanon blows away in the wind of the public debates that substitute secret discussions.

The public debate emphasizes the eroded slogan of unconditional withdrawal, as if it were some kind of cure-all. In these circumstances, that hollow motto replaces the initiative and freshness of thought required from the IDF in finding new approaches to a settlement in Lebanon.

It's true that the Israeli public has a right to know what to expect on the Lebanon front, but the Syrian General Staff has no such right. It doesn't need to be a partner in all the options open to us to increase the struggle against terrorism. Israel's next moves will be more effective if they include the element of surprise.

Trying to sink roots

DAVID NEWMAN

How long does it take for someone to sink roots in a new environment?

I left Jerusalem for the Negev 11 years ago, during which time I have built a house (twice), advanced professionally, sent my children to local schools and become part of a local community – but it was only this week that I finally transferred our bank account and its overdraft to my place of residence.

There are some who love the Negev – the browns and yellows of the semi-arid environment, the relative tranquility and the open spaces – which cannot to be found elsewhere in Israel. And there are others, like myself, who live here because this is where we work, but have never really adapted to the local environment.

My colleagues have tried to convince me of the beauty of the Negev and the desert, but with no success. I'm a city animal; someone who grew up in inner city London and then lived in Jerusalem, who would like nothing better than to see the twin towers of the World Trade Center and hear the noises and sirens of the city traffic outside his window.

Whenever I travel from the pleasant suburban community in which I live, my car takes an automatic turn to the right, northwards, towards the center of the country, to the bright lights, cultural activity, political excitement and pollution of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. My knowledge of the region in which I live is minimal; it simply doesn't "grab me."

It is true that real estate is cheaper here. We live in a large house which we could never have afforded in the center of the country. And Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are no more than 90 minutes away by car, a distance which can be covered quite comfortably, not only for a day full of meetings but even just for a night at the theater or a concert.

And yet, the image of the periphery remains so strongly entrenched in the psyche, that the other person's grass (not that there's much in the Negev or the city) is always that much greener.

FOR some years now, there has been talk of transforming the railway line from Tel Aviv to Beersheba into a speedy, modern transportation system. Some planners argue that this is the only way to get people to live in the northern Negev. They say we must accept the fact that Israel is fast becoming no more than a big city-state, with places as distant as Beersheba to eventually be yet another suburb of Tel Aviv.

The Negev has only ever really increased its population during periods of mass immigration, such as that from North Africa in the 1950s, or that of the Russians in the 1990s. It is during these periods when the demand for housing and employment is so great that the government builds new towns and neighborhoods in regions where it is interested in expanding the population base.

But during the long periods between these large immigration waves, it is market forces which determine where people choose to live.

In the final accounting, the economic and cultural attractions of the metropolitan center have always been greater than those of the tax incentives and subsidized housing of the periphery. Except, that is, for those who really do not have the requisite economic resources.

This results in the creation of regions which are not only geographically peripheral, but also contain a larger proportion of the population's weak socio-economic groups.

Those of us who reside in the region have created our own middle-class isolated enclaves in suburban communities such as Omer, Metar and Lehavim, but have had little impact on the region as a whole.

My overdraft may have finally arrived in the Negev, making life that much easier to manage on a daily basis. But this was a logistical necessity, rather than indicative of having finally put down roots. Like everything else in a desert environment, roots are difficult to sink here.

Neither 50 years of state-enforced policies nor the pioneering example of David Ben-Gurion at Sde Boker have changed the structural obstacles preventing real growth in the region.

And for as long as the region is perceived as unattractive – socially, culturally, economically – this is unlikely to change.

Pinochet's entrapment

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

On the Pinochet front you can take the position that what we are looking at is gestating international law to discourage political savagery.

But that vision is defaced by the reality of it all, which is that political passion is the prime mover.

Politics shows its face at many levels. Primary among them is that special bitterness that attaches to any right-wing derailment of a government's march to the Left.

An attempt at orderly thought begins by asking the question: Under what authority is Pinochet detained?

There are numerous UN-related resolutions on political crime and responsibility for it. But the events surrounding the detention of Pinochet are an extraordinary improvisation. Suddenly we had five "Law Lords" deciding, on behalf of what seemed the entire world, whether Pinochet should be allowed to return to his home or stay to face extradition proceedings to Spain.

Le Figaro of Paris remarked that "for the first time, perhaps, a juridically incompetent tribunal has rendered a verdict of universal significance. Since no international tribunal exists to judge such events, the English judges took the place of this institution which it is now more necessary than ever to decide to create."

One guesses that the above sounds more lucid in French than in translation, but one is certainly left wondering: When did all legal infrastructure happen?

Just who gave Spain the right to detain a Chilean in Great Britain, for an alleged crime associated with the inherently convulsive affairs of revolution and anti-terrorism?

The easy polarizations are lazy and irresponsible. They tell us that we are seeing a fight between democracy and tyranny. Between human rights and oppression. Between those who believe in the responsibilities of a chief of state and those who take shelter under the pre-Nuremburg idea that subordinates simply carry out orders.

One way to achieve perspective on the situation is to speculate on who might be subject to similar handling under the Pinochet Protocol. The rules seem to be: Any sometime chief of state in whose regime one or more citizens, or indeed foreigners, were tortured or held hostage, can be held in place and extradited to a plaintiff court.

If Nixon were alive, could he safely have traveled to Great Britain, given the absolute certainty that acts of torture, however isolated, were committed against the Viet Cong during the war? Is there one living former prime minister of Israel who could dare to travel, given his susceptibility under this kind of scrutiny? Will they arrest Gorbachev next time he comes by? It would be a half-day's work to come up with the record of one KGB victim during 1985-1991.

POLITICS is at every level of the current affair. There is a suspicion in some quarters that Prime Minister Tony Blair's continuing pursuit of his left wing brought on first the dispossession of the successor members of the House of Lords and now Pinochet.

What is needed is a device that serves to release Pinochet to go home to his country that doesn't suggest indifference by the British government to human rights and to the attempt gradually to make cosmopolitan life more difficult for bloody dictators.

That device, surely, would focus on the concept of entrapment. General Pinochet had every reason to feel secure when in London, which he had several times visited since leaving office as president of Chile. The sudden imposition of detention, on the motion of a foreign judge, caught Pinochet while in a hospital receiving medical treatment.

Civilized arrangements should distinguish a Pinochet from an Adolf Eichmann, about whom it is reasonable to assume that whatever were the means for finding him and bringing him to justice, they're OK – just get him strung up.

If the various UN resolutions and the mutual legal assistant pacts and assorted understandings are going to prevail to the point of justifying the detention and extradition of such as Pinochet, then let that word get out. That would discourage international movements by former chiefs of state, especially those who, like Pinochet, were especially guilty of the sovereign offense of rescuing their country from a communist takeover.

Those who brought on leftist revolutions will presumably be unmolested. If Baltasar Garzon protested Fidel Castro's recent appearance in Spain, his cries went unheeded.

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Shamed by Dad

Disk-covery

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Abba Oseh Bushot (Dad Does Embarrassing Things), a CD-ROM in Hebrew by CD-Worm of Ramat Hasharon, distributed by BSS Multisystem, for ages four to eight, requires Windows 95 and up, NIS 149

Rating: ★★★☆☆

Parents are often shamed by their children's bad or foolish behavior. But how often do they look at things from a kids' perspective and realize that they sometimes cause their offspring a lot of embarrassment?

Meir Shalev, the well-known author, wrote a charming book with wry humor – one of the best-selling children's stories in the country – about Ephraim, whose unshaven, ponytailed, sleep-loving father makes him feel ashamed in front of his friends in kindergarten.

This is the second of Shalev's kids' books to be made into an interactive CD-ROM; the first was *Hakina Nehama* (Nehama, the Headlouse).

Technically, CD-Worm did an even better job on this book than the previous one.

Ephraim's father leaps across the screen from one scene to another: the background sounds are clever; and eye-catching techniques are used to encourage the young reader to follow the text. But this disk, like the previous one, has a built-in problem: There's a limit to how many times a child can go through the same story, even if a handful of games are offered as teasers.

The story goes like this: Ephraim's mother is a news reporter who wakes up promptly, dresses efficiently, drinks her grapefruit juice and rushes off to work (this isn't me Shalev's writing about; I promise!). Her husband always oversleeps, and then wastes time looking for his clothes. Inevitably, Ephraim consistently arrives late at kindergarten.

He is humiliated when he remembers Dad's habit of wearing short pants to family weddings, getting lost during the annual school trip, and being the only one to fall asleep during a parent-teacher's meeting.

One morning, after finally finding his pants, Dad takes Ephraim ("How he hates that name") to kindergarten on the back of his bicycle, arriving late (as usual) and insisting that he give him a kiss ("If you don't, I'll ask another kid to give me one"). Another day, he offers to take Ephraim and two friends to a movie, but the poor child is beside himself when, during an action scene, his father covers his eyes in fear and asks them to tell him "when it's over."

"My father is a coward," Ephraim complains tearfully to his mother.

Then, one day, Ephraim comes home and tells his parents the kindergarten teacher is holding a cake-baking competition for the mothers. His own Mom, having to run off to "interview the minister of tourism," gives him NIS 20 to buy a cake. But his father decides he will work all through the night to whip one up, and he does – except that it comes out looking like a large, worn-down auto tire.

Donning a white chef's cap, he takes the sad-looking cake and the even sadder-looking Ephraim to class, standing among the mothers while the other fathers sit in the audience. There are tarts, yeast cakes, strudel and marzipan treats – and his father's entry, looking like a real loser.

But when Ephraim's father stabs the cake with his knife, chocolate syrup, sugar roses, strawberries and other decorations pop out magically, astounding everyone present – especially Ephraim.

When the teacher asks where he learned to make cakes, Dad explains that his own father was a baker. Other kids, he adds, had fathers who were doctors, policemen and metal workers, but he was so ashamed of *his* father. Everyone starts to laugh – and Ephraim suddenly feels proud of his Dad, ending the story.

The games, claimed on the back of the box to "teach arithmetic, reading and music ('Who here will be the next Mozart?')," are amusing and sometimes imaginative, but not much more than that.

Each of the games can be played at any of three levels of difficulty.

When you consider the NIS 149 price of this disk, think of how many Meir Shalev children's books you can buy for that amount. If you don't have a bottomless checking account, opt for the printed stuff and read it to/with your kids.

Talmud Tutor Plus, a CD-ROM in English with some Hebrew/Aramaic texts, by Davka, requires Windows 3.1 and up, distributed by Alan Rosenbaum (02-9992936), for children and adults who don't know anything about Talmud, NIS 139

Rating: ★★★★☆

THIS program is several years old and graphically rather primitive, which explains why it'll run with the Windows operating system that is already two "generations" old. However, it will prove useful to English-speaking people of all ages who want an introduction to the Talmud and don't know where to start.

It explains that the Oral Law was handed down by God to Moses and then to 39 other generations of scholars, down to Rav Ashi. It was put down on paper to prevent its being changed, lost or misquoted.

Surprisingly, the disc erroneously differentiates between the Mishna and the Talmud, when in fact the Talmud is the name for the Mishna (which is mostly a legal text with rulings in all areas of Halacha) and the Gemara (which doesn't necessarily reach conclusions but stresses methods of scholarship and analyses based on halachic debate).

The program explains, in short, the hierarchy of orders, tractates, chapters and *mishnayot* and offers two sample lessons (from the Tractate Brachot, about when *Shma Yisrael* may be recited) or another about Grace After Meals (here, the chapter is given as No. 3, when it is in fact chapter 33!); there is also a sample lesson from the Aggada, which consists of stories and anecdotes told by the Sages.

The text can be heard in Ashkenazi or Sephardi Hebrew if you wish (both are recited with an American accent), and the text is shown on a split screen in the original languages and the English translation, plus Rashi's commentary, that scroll down together simultaneously.

There's a useful timeline showing the development of the Talmud from 210 BCE to 500 CE and the major personalities during each period, plus a lesson on various partners, such as Hillel and Shamai and Yose Ben Yoezer and Yose Ben Yohanan. Thumbnail biographies on talmudic sages of the various generations of Tannaim and Amoraim are provided with the click of the mouse. There's a simple map of Israel and Babylonia, and a few cities can be clicked to get more information about their relevance to the Talmud.

One of the most useful devices for the talmudic student is an automatic conversion mechanism for finding out equivalents to today's measurements (in metric or American terms) of money, volume, length, grains and area mentioned in the Talmud.

The 13 Hermeneutic Rules of Biblical Exegesis, such as *a fortiori* and same-word relationships, are listed and explained. A large glossary given according to the Hebrew/Aramaic alphabet explains Aramaic terms in English, along with a guide to dozens of abbreviations used in the Talmud. Finally, there's a quiz on all these subjects.

The disk would be dismissed as "much too easy" by any English-speaking yeshiva boy, but anyone in the Diaspora (or English-speakers in Israel) who don't have a clue about Talmud and are curious about it will enjoy this program.

When granny is mom as well

Innovative ideas like GrandFamilies House, a 'mini-village' in Boston, could help answer the prayers of weary grandparents left with children to raise. **Elizabeth Mehren** reports

Harriet Jackson Lyons, 72, and her granddaughter, Charlene, show off GrandFamilies house, the US's first subsidized housing for grandparents raising grandchildren. (Los Angeles Times)

Stretching her arms as if to encompass her entire spanking-new two-bedroom apartment in Boston, 70-year-old Vera Sanders declared that it was time to update the adage that "it takes a village" to raise a child.

"Maybe," she mused, "it takes this whole building to raise a grandchild."

Sanders and her 14-year-old grandson, John, last month settled into what is thought to be the US's first subsidized housing for grandparents raising grandchildren.

GrandFamilies House, a 26-unit "mini-village" with a gabled roof and a broad inviting front porch, is the $4 million co-venture of three nonprofit Boston groups.

The once-abandoned nursing home is reborn with a playground, on-site day care and multi-age enrichment program. The result is both an acknowledgment that the burgeoning population of grandparents raising grandchildren has special needs, and the latest step in a growing national effort to reduce the complexities of this form of relative caregiving.

As grandparent-headed households become more common, GrandFamilies House could become a model.

"We surveyed our clients and we listened carefully," said Janet van Zandt, executive director of Boston Aging Concerns Young & United, or BAC-YOU, which several years ago noted that some of its clients were being evicted from senior citizen housing because they had taken in grandchildren. Others were occupying dwellings that were unsafe or otherwise unsuitable for children.

Nearly all complained of the frustration of trying to navigate the city's housing bureaucracy, and spoke of the isolation of raising children at this late stage of their lives.

She was 65 when the state Department of Social Services asked her to take custody of her granddaughter, Charlene, said Harriet Jackson Lyons, 72.

"I wanted to go back to school. But, as I said, I got that call." Charlene's mother died last year of a coronary brought on by years of drug use.

GRANDPARENTS claim near-sacred status in America's cultural iconography. There is a pleasant prevailing mythology that grandma is white-haired and apple-cheeked, with a crisp white apron and a perpetual supply of fresh-baked cookies.

Grandpa, according to this image, is handy with a tool kit and eager to spin off a yarn of what life was like when he was a boy. Granny and Gramps never tire of serving as backup baby-sitters.

But US Census Bureau figures show that for a vast and growing number of older Americans, that depiction is false.

Substance abuse, incarceration, AIDS and immaturity are only some of the causes of a missing generation of parents who cannot care for their children. From 1980 to 1990, the number of children being raised by grandparents increased by 44 percent. From 1990 to 1997, the figure went up 23 percent. Today, 1.4 million children live in a grandparent-headed household with no parent present.

"The assumptions of caregiving, the circumstances under which a large number of grandparents are assuming care of their grandchildren, are no longer voluntary," said Florida social worker Lynne Katz, who is conducting a study of grandparent-caregivers at the University of Miami.

The mantra of family preservation buzzes loudly in the ears of judges and family-service officials trying to place abandoned children, Katz said. Faced with the option of taking their grandchildren or seeing them sent to homes, she said, "There are very few grandparents who are old enough or incapacitated enough, or fed up enough to say, 'Fine, put the kids in foster care.'"

The phenomenon crosses class and ethnic lines, but is most pronounced among poor, minority populations. Although 5 percent of children nationally are being raised by grandparents, in Dorchester – the largely black, low-income Boston neighborhood where GrandFamilies House is located – the figure is 10 percent.

RECENT research by the three agencies that created the project – BAC-YOU, the YWCA of Boston and Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development – showed the grandparents in the city to be "overwhelmingly" black women aged 50 to 86. Most lived on fixed annual incomes of $5,000 to $15,000, and many showed significant health problems associated with age.

In addition, the elderly caregivers faced daunting bureaucratic obstacles. Unlike foster parents, grandparents raising their grandchildren receive neither insurance nor monthly stipends. Often they are living off retirement incomes that were strained with one person in the home.

Schools and health centers do not always recognize grandparents as primary caregivers, and welfare reform policies that expect parents to be working are no more forgiving for grandparents.

Elder meal programs, a mainstay for many low-income grandparents, cease when a child comes on the scene. Clothes often come from donation programs, a tough sell for teenagers who yearn for brand-name items. Young people also often long to participate in costly after-school sports.

Then there is the personal energy component. If 20-year-olds complain of exhaustion when they are raising babies, consider the plight of a 75-year-old. By definition, grandparenting is supposed to imply selectivity, the right to send the grandkids home when you're tired.

At GrandFamilies House, some septuagenarians are looking at 20 more years of child-rearing.

"Of course we resent it. Of course we're angry," said Lyons, who organized a support group called ROCC, Raising Our Children's Children, that numbers about 200 members. "Of course we wonder what we did wrong as parents. And, as grandparents, we hope we won't repeat those mistakes.

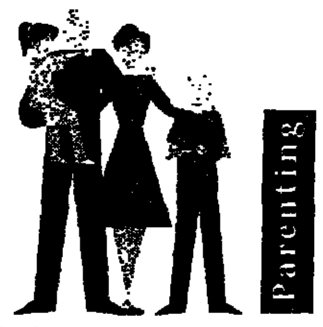
"But that's what we think about when we have time. Mostly we're too busy, and we're too tired."

FINANCING for GrandFamilies House drew on federal, state and city funds, as well as donations. An innovative interpretation of federal Housing and Urban Development regulations allows most tenants to receive rent subsidies.

With its wide hallways to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs and strollers, GrandFamilies House also boasts a 4,000-square-foot basement where Boston's YWCA will offer exercise sessions for seniors and teenagers. Other preschool, after-school and evening programs will include computer classes, where grandparents can learn alongside their grandchildren.

But as residents continue to move into the just-opened facility, the hope is also that the building will become a self-contained community, where elders who, by dint of fate, have found themselves at a different stage of life from many of their peers will support one another. (Los Angeles Times)

Problems are the same the world over



By Ruth Mason

To those of you who like the works of Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish (*Liberated Parents, Liberated Children; How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk; Siblings Without Rivalry* and *How to Talk so Kids Can Learn – At Home and In School*), we bring good news.

The writing team who popularized the teachings of child psychologist Haim Ginott have published a four-page newsletter on child-rearing that includes summaries of important studies, insights and experiences from parents who have applied their ideas, letters from around the world, and more.

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The authors write: "This newsletter is published as a free service to all those who care about communicating with children in ways that are both effective and respectful."

Issue No. 3 features letters from parents in China, Quebec and Australia.

"It seems that parents everywhere, no matter how different the culture, are struggling with very similar problems," Faber and Mazlish write.

They quote a parent from Poland, where their books are best-sellers: "For years we have been under Communist rule. Now we have political freedom, but your books show us how to be free within ourselves – how to give respect to ourselves and respect to our families."

Here's one practical tip from a recent newsletter: The parents of a 16-year-old girl who likes to stay out late needed to find a solution to the curfew dilemma. They told her: "You have a right to enjoy a night out with your friends. We have a right to a worry-free evening. We need to figure out something that will satisfy all of us."

The girl and her parents sat down to a problem-solving session and came up with the following idea: She would come home between 11:30 and midnight. Since the parents liked to go to bed early, they would set their alarm clock for 12:15, in case something unforeseen happened and their daughter was delayed for 15 minutes. As soon as the girl got home, she would turn off the alarm. That way she would get to have her fun, and her parents would get a peaceful night's sleep.

The parents concluded: "Our agreement held. Jody lived up to her part of the bargain and made it her business to 'beat the clock' every time."

The process this family went through illustrates some basic Faber/Mazlish principles: telling children what our expectations are; inviting their help in solving a problem; speaking to their sense of responsibility and treating them as if they already are what you hope them to become.

And some food for thought from the same issue: "A recent Rand Corporation study reported that a million dollars invested in prisons prevents only 60 crimes a year. The same investment in parent training can prevent 258 crimes a year."

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Gardener's Corner

Late autumn – the show goes on

By Batsheva Mink

As the temperature drops and the sun slides inexorably toward the solstice, we may be forgiven for not thinking much about our gardens. After all, the long hot summer is past, the trees are losing their leaves, and the new bulbs are sleeping snugly in the earth.

Yet the show is far from over.

Autumn can seem like the off-season for gardeners. Most gardeners are, in fact, beginning to put away their tools and looking forward to some comfortable "armchair" gardening – books and plans for next year.

Many gardeners tuck their borders up for winter soon after the first few cold nights. One gardener I know says, "Don't visit my garden; it is finished."

But I consider late autumn to be one of the busiest times for the gardener. We can take pleasure in our garden long after the summer flowers have passed, though this requires some work during the period – two months or more in length – in which the garden winds down towards winter.

Every job during this period is aimed at getting the garden ready for spring flowering time. The more you do to prepare for planting bulbs, annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, the better the results in late winter and early spring. Carefully planted, tended and well-planned borders can remain attractive well into winter.

During this period, the very best gardeners will be found with little time to plant. Every few days, the border looks as if a hungry herd of deer has passed through the garden.

"There is all the cutting-back and clearing up to do," they say, pruning shears in hands.

It is true that gardens need to be tidied in autumn: Dead unsightly foliage, collapsed stems and other rubbish must be cleared away, together with the plant supports.

This process is good for hygiene, and allows for the removal of weeds that may have snuck in among the roots under cover of foliage, and would reach a stranglehold by spring.

We should perhaps be a little selective in our autumn clean-up and leave alone things like the feathery heads of the grasses.

By this time, of course, the bulk of perennials, annuals and shrubs have lost their luster, but there are many brave-hearted plants that continue long after summer fades. Gardeners should always make room for a few plants to be included especially for their autumn effects.

In this sense, autumn belongs to grasses, for many that went unnoticed during the year can provide us with glorious color at the end of the year. Grasses are often planted for the ornamental effect of summer color, but they also contribute the precious gift of autumn color when there are fewer sources of color in our gardens.

Ornamental grasses are more than just a novelty; their many forms and colors bring freshness and vitality to the garden, while their sturdiness and resistance to disease make them especially welcome.

Grasses blend well with other garden plants and can be used in a variety of landscape situations. They provide height and volume, ordinarily expected of slower-growing shrubs and perennials.

Probably the best grasses are members of the genus miscanthus (Heb. *miscantus*). Many of these unusual grasses, natives of China and Japan, have become available in Israel over the last few years.

For autumn color, the choice narrows to a red grass (*Miscanthus sinensis Purpurascens*). In the autumn, each blade of the miscanthus tints to dull red with streaks of pumpkin orange or rose. It never actually turns purple as its name might suggest, but it maintains a wonderful color for at least two months.

My favorite, *M. sinensis Zebrinus* ("zebra grass") has green and yellow variegated leaves, with the yellow crossbanding at intervals on the arching leaves. It grows to 1 to 2 meters tall.

The purple fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum Rubrum*; Heb: *ziff-notza ziponit*) looks more like a dark wine-red color, and is an excellent plant for dry, sunny areas. The graceful plumes appear in early September and continue well into December. It is not a demanding plant and needs very little water after it is established. Its approximate height and spread is 1.2 m x 60 cm.

Among the shorter-growing grasses are the blue grasses (*Festuca glauca*, Heb. *ben afor mehil*) which grow up to 30 cm. and keep their blue color for most of the year.

The well-known, majestic pampas grass (*Cortaderia argentea* Heb: *cortaderia*) grows best in isolation or against a background of evergreen plants. It should be planted in early spring. It grows to between 2 and 3 meters, making an impressive sight from midsummer to early winter. A shorter form is available for smaller gardens.

One of the longest-lasting perennials (*Penstemon barbatus* Heb. *penstemon*) has foxglove-like flowers and grows up to 60 cm. in height. These elegant flowers start to flower in late April and go well into December, long after other perennials have given up the ghost.

At the Botanical Gardens in Jerusalem we planted a large bed of this variety, which had to be cut down in July and began flowering again three weeks later. They are still flowering.

They grow best in full sun and must be cut back in July to produce a second flush of flowers. This keeps them flowering continuously until the end of December.

At the end of the year, even if they are still flowering, it would be advisable to cut them back so they can build up strength for next year's flowering. Give them a good top dressing of compost toward the end of February. Propagate them from cuttings 8-12 cm. in length.

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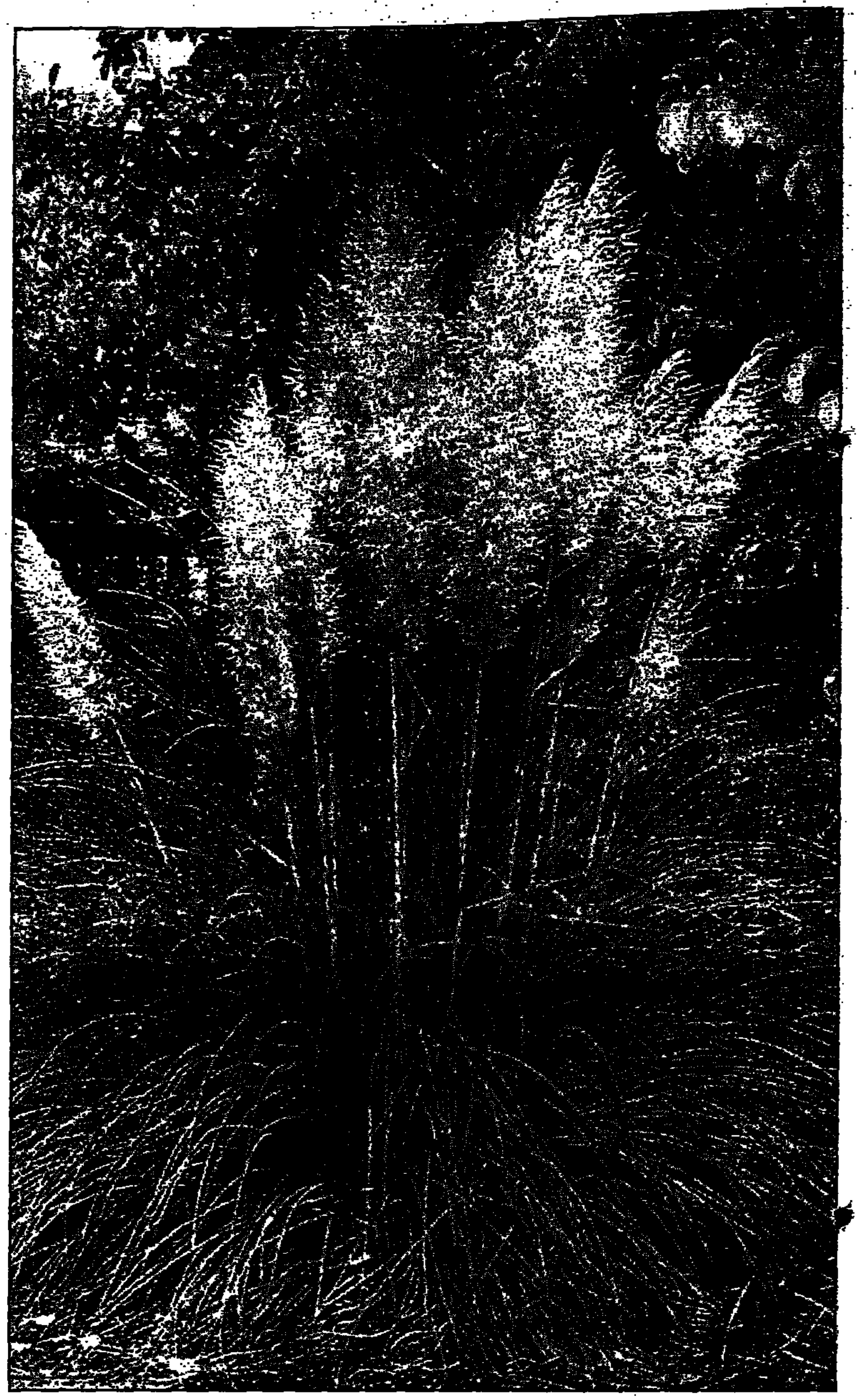
Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.

TIP OF THE WEEK

To learn which plants will linger longest in your garden, try regular, light grooming rather than a full-scale autumn clean-up. Visit other gardens, and note plants that retain their looks in autumn.

Add a few late bloomers each year, and you will gradually transform your garden into one that combines the bright beauty of summer with the glory of autumn.



Autumn belongs to grasses: (Left) The elegant penstemon goes on well into December; (right) the majestic pampas grass grows best in isolation, or against an evergreen background.

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Heads 'N' Tails

Two claws too many

By D'vora Ben Shaul

A young couple at a recent dog show were totally crushed when their beautiful German shepherd, a young male, was disqualified because he had dewclaws on both back legs.

They had deliberately chosen a breed that did not need to have its tail docked or its ears clipped, they said later. When they first saw the puppy they had ordered, at two days of age, the breeder asked if he should remove the dewclaws. They had told him not to do so, not realizing the implications of their decision.

Now, they said, the veterinarian told them that to remove the claws would require surgery complete with anesthetic and sutures. Since they really had their hearts set on exhibiting their dog and had already completed two levels of obedience with him, they were quite upset.

"Why should this matter?" they ask.

Dewclaws are vestigial claws on the lower front leg, above the normal foot pad with its natural claws, and they appear in many dogs of varying breeds.

The dewclaws are barely noticeable in a newborn puppy, but if not removed they develop into a rather large, pendulous glob of tissue, with a non-functional claw in the middle. These are not only rather unsightly, but often get caught in various materials; and when pulled free, they cause wounds on the fleshy part of the appendage.

The best way to handle this problem is to remove the dewclaws on the second day of life or not later than the fourth day. At this point the operation is simple, leaves no visible scar and the puppy does not seem to suffer.

Many breeders remove the dewclaws themselves, but an ordinary person with a new litter in the house should take the bitch and her pups in a carrier or carton and go to a veterinarian. The operation takes ~~seconds for each puppy, and~~ it is immediately returned to its mother, who will lick and clean the minuscule wounds.

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Do not be surprised if your veterinarian does not use any antiseptic on the wound; it would only deter the mother from licking it, and her attention is the most effective.

If the dewclaws are not removed at the proper time and you want to be rid of them later, there is no choice but to have it done under anesthetic and with sutures. This means that you may have to put a "bucket-collar" on the dog for a few days to prevent his licking and tearing the sutures. If done properly, the surgery should not leave a scar.

Why should this be important to dog-show judges?

It really shouldn't, but for every breed there is an agreed standard, and the standards for almost all breeds specify no dewclaws. It is true that a smooth-legged dog is far more attractive when running and jumping than one with great globs flopping around on its legs and, as said above, these supernumerary claws are extremely prone to accidental wounding.

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'Antz' wins battle of the bug flicks

By MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Comparisons between the delightful *Antz* (which opens in Israel tomorrow) and the brand-new *A Bug's Life* (which has just opened in the US and is due to arrive in Israel in March) are inevitable and instructive.

Both computer-animated fables – the former from DreamWorks and special-effects house PDI, the latter from Disney and Pixar Animation Studios – are set in ant colonies threatened by scary insects (termites in *Antz*; grasshoppers in *A Bug's Life*). Both have different-drummer heroes who step out of line and save the day.

Curiously, the reddish-brown population of *Antz* has six legs; the cuddly protagonists of *A Bug's Life* are colored a lavender-gray pastel and have only four limbs.

Each is a diverting and well-made spectacle, but whereas the sophisticated *Antz* has a cross-generational appeal and a witty adult subtext about conformity, the more juvenile humor of *A Bug's Life* seems to be going almost exclusively for the Happy Meals crowd.

Antz opens with its neurotic arthropod hero (voiced by Woody Allen) whining on a psychiatrist's couch. When we meet the star of *A Bug's Life*, he's dropping an in-jokey reference to Disney's feature-length kiddie-cartoon *The Lion King*.

"It's one of those 'Circle of Life' kinds of things," cracks Flik (Dave Foley), explaining why his fellow ants are forced to donate a portion of their yearly harvest to the thug-like grasshoppers, led by the vicious Hopper (Kevin Spacey).

Before you know it, the klutzy Flik has accidentally destroyed the colony's amassed crops, enraging not only Hopper and his hungry pals, but Flik's exhausted fellow colonists. Banished from Ant Island by an irate queen (Phyllis Diller), the misfit sets off for the big city to find reinforcements to defend his home from the long-legged extortionists.

Through a misunderstanding, the ace band of mercenaries he thinks he is recruiting turns out to be an inept troupe (not troop) of performing circus bugs, featuring a stick bug (David Hyde Pierce), a dung beetle (Brad Garrett), a gypsy moth (Madeline Kahn), a ladybug (Denis Leary) and a caterpillar (Joe Ranft).

The punning, borscht-belt humor comes fast and furious in the teeming metropolis, where Flik first encounters the bungling urban buskers: a fly sits begging in the gutter next to a sign saying "Kid pulled my wings off"; in a restaurant another bug shouts, "Waiter, I'm in my soup!"; two mosquitoes in a bar order "Bloody Marys, type O-positive."

Many of the one-liners are groan-inducing, but there are enough of them that do work to keep the scene zippy.

It's an infusion of zip that's sorely needed, because the chief deficiency of *A Bug's Life* so far is its blandness. I know all ants look alike, but there's a visual uniformity to this latest batch that makes it hard to tell one from the other by sight. Thank God for the arrival of the colorful city critters!

The film's other weakness is the low-octane vocal performances of its leading cast.

In *Antz*, you have Sharon Stone, Gene Hackman and Sylvester Stallone. *Bug*, on the other hand, makes do with Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Kevin Spacey and the little-known child actress Hayden Panettiere in the corresponding roles of love interest, heavy and best friend.

They're all adequate, to be sure, but they somehow lack the oomph, the edge, of the earlier film's stars. And the milquetoastian Foley is no Woody Allen, to say the least.

Still, most young children won't even notice the lack of personality. The action-figure-ready supporting cast will provide sufficient dazzle with their silly circus slapstick, and many wee audience members will closely identify with the last-minute heroics of the toddler ant Dot (Panettiere).

Parents and other adults, however, looking for a little more return on their intellectual investment are advised to stay through the closing credits, where director John Lasseter has inserted a hilarious series of fake animated "outtakes."

If you can talk your fidgeting charges into sitting still for an extra minute, the irreverent, self-referential bonus humor of these last few seconds will be for many the best thing about a film that aims to please only by aiming for the ankle-biters.

(The Washington Post)

Z (left, voice by Woody Allen) and Princess Bala (Sharon Stone) believe they have stumbled upon insectopia in 'Antz.'

'I'm into disagreement. It forces people to think,' says Rollins.

Henry Rollins seeks glory in Tel Aviv

By HELEN KAYE

There are Henry Rollins web pages all over the Internet. His fans come in all ages, shapes and colors, but most often they're young.

He started his professional life in 1981 as the vocalist of a punk rock band called Black Flag and formed his own Rollins Band rock group five years later. Along the way he created his own publishing label, 2–13–61, named for his own birthday, because there were things he wanted to say on just about everything.

Inevitably, he started saying them out loud, to audiences. He made them laugh. He goosed, enraged, riled, needled, tormented, challenged, confronted, and enlisted his audiences. He talks in absolutes. Takes stances in this equivocating age. Exults in being outrageous.

He's coming next week for a single appearance with his newest talking act, *Think Tank*. The performance will be on Saturday, December 12, at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv.

"I'm into disagreement," he said in a recent interview. "It forces people to think, to flex their minds."

He doesn't mind being compared to Richard Pryor and the late Lenny Bruce, saying that his humor shares their desire to call attention to the various insanities of society.

He is against drugs, alcohol and tobacco because they contribute to mundanity and mediocrity, but Rollins's major loathing focuses on prejudice of any kind. In a university show he did last summer, he spoke of visiting Auschwitz when he and the band were on tour in Poland.

"I walked out of there with a very extreme sense of right and wrong," he said, and nobody was laughing. "There are always these corny arguments about right and wrong at 3 a.m.," in which an absolute is made relative, "but there is right and there is wrong and what happened over there was wrong. I didn't think I hated anybody till I came out of that place."

He's been doing what he calls speaking engagements since 1983, right along with making music. This year is the first that Rollins has been on the road without a band, mainly because the album he calls his favorite, *Come In & Burn*, flopped with the public, although the critics praised it.

The Rollins Band made four other well-received albums between 1987 and 1997, and Rollins has made two other spoken-word albums, some of which have been "sanitized for radio broadcasts and in-store play."

He doesn't waste time on self-pity, calls himself "an aging rock icon" without a quiver in his shows, and adds "I've got to keep it real ... [otherwise] I shouldn't be out there." Nonetheless, Rollins is going ahead with a solo rock album next year.

Apathy and mediocrity are for the fainthearted. To quote the man himself: "I refuse not to be fascinated. I refuse not to be obsessed. A wife and children is not going to cut it for me. I'd rather have confrontation, exhaustion, failure and glory."

Making love with the music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When the Great Musicians at the Center series of chamber-music concerts presented at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center opens next Tuesday, the stage will be shared by five very young Israeli musicians who have already been marked as stars of the future.

It is a most appropriate way to open such a series, which showcases the best Israel can offer in the very competitive field of chamber music.

At a time when the chamber-music ensemble is trying to find its way back into the local classical music scene, and when young musicians form trios, quartets and quintets on a regular basis, Israel is still searching for an ensemble like the glorious Yuval Trio or Tel Aviv Quartet of yesteryear.

There is no doubt that the best contenders for the title at the moment are four young vivacious Jerusalemites who comprise the Jerusalem Quartet.

The four, all members of the IDF's "outstanding musician" program, have a joie de vivre that is lacking in many ensembles that perform today. Their musicianship, sincere interpretation, deep devotion and exuberant youthfulness combine into a most exciting whole. This is an ensemble music lovers should hear time and again.

After playing Schubert and Haydn in the first part of the concert, the Jerusalem foursome will be joined by a somewhat older, yet still young Israeli musician with an international career.

Clarinetist Sharon Kam says that she knew when she was 12 that she "was destined to play the clarinet as a soloist."

She was told that "it's impossible and that I just cannot do such things," she recalls.

But Kam proved all her former advisers wrong. The flamboyant sabra, who now makes her home in Germany, is undoubtedly one of the leading interpreters of the clarinet these days.

Kam's three discs on the Teldec label feature not only her passionate playing, which reveals all the clarinet's inner colors and subtleties in a way that suggests that she is at one with the instrument, but also the three faces of Kam on the respective covers.

On one she is vivacious and flamboyant, on the second much more subdued, yet very sexy, and on the third and latest one can see a woman much more mature, but with a suggestive look that is as mysterious and revealing as her music-making. "No one likes seeing his photographs, even if they are the best photos in the world. We all have a notion of how we want to see ourselves and no picture can convey that," she says.

Music critics all over the world describe Kam's playing as "sensual on the verge of sexual," as if she makes love to the instrument while she performs on it. Kam is aware of that and can explain the sensation.

"I always feel that I'm making love to the clarinet when I play on it. We play music that is about feelings and the best way to express feelings is when you make love."

The combination of Sharon Kam and the Jerusalem Quartet, December 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the TAPAC, is bound to be an electrifying musical experience and a feast for all the senses.

Clarinetist Sharon Kam proved her advisers wrong. (Israel Sun)

A rich, round Bach

CLASSIC DISCS

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

After a lengthy anticipation, the first samples of the new Bach edition, which is to feature the entire output of Johann Sebastian Bach on discs and to be completed within about two years, are out. The Bach edition will be a compilation of existing recordings from the extensive German label Hanssler catalog side by side with new recordings of works not previously recorded by this first-rate label as well as new versions of works already in their catalog.

The most intriguing and rewarding new recording is *The Art of Fugue BWV 1030* (Hanssler Edition 134, CD 92.134), one of Bach's most famous works, which has been performed and recorded by numerous musical combinations from the modern piano to the string quartet.

Here Robert Hill, who explains his choice of the harpsichord for this recording in detail in a very interesting and informative article in the always extensive four-language (German, English, French, Spanish) Hanssler booklet, presents a most powerful reading of the many small movements that comprise this opus.

Although the harpsichord is considered at times as a cold, detached and somewhat alienating instrument, under Hill's fingers it comes alive in an almost fiery way. Hill presents a very cohesive reading of this opus in which each fugue leads in a very logical and intricate way to the next one.

The sound is rich, round and as far from remote as can be with this instrument, and the interpretation suggests that there is a lot in *The Art of the Fugue* which has still to be discovered.

Violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky presents the solo violin works in a most restrained and intriguing way in his new recording, *Sonatas & Partitas for Solo Violin, BWV 1001-1006* (Hanssler Edition 119 CD 92.119). In this new rendition of the ever-popular solo violin works by Bach, Sitkovetsky reveals himself as a master of the instrument who delves deep into the music yet performs it in a rather remote way. His performance, which is technically flawless, lacks fire and passion.

The first album in this new Bach edition features the first three cantatas of Bach, *Cantatas BWV 1-3* (Hanssler Edition 1 CD 92.001) performed by the renowned Gächinger Kantorei and the Bach Collegium Stuttgart under the baton of Helmuth Rilling, who inaugurated these ensembles and is one of the leading forces behind this new Bach edition.

These older recordings (ranging from 1988 to 1991) are first-rate and when presented in chronological order provide the listener with an opportunity to comprehend them in the way they were composed and follow the progression of the composition process. The performance is, as usual with these ensembles, first-rate and Rilling breathes power and beauty into the text and music alike.

The Hanssler Bach Edition should be part and parcel of every music lover's library. It is the perfect way to enjoy Bach's music in general and to follow its chronological development at the same time.

French jazz percussionist to drum up some local heat

By HELEN KAYE

The musicians who have worked with percussionist Mino Cinelu on their recent albums are a who's who of the jazz world; names like Brandford Marsalis, Pat Metheny and Wayne Shorter, not to mention Lou Reed or pianist Kenny Barron, with whom he made the very well-received album *Swamp Sally* last year.

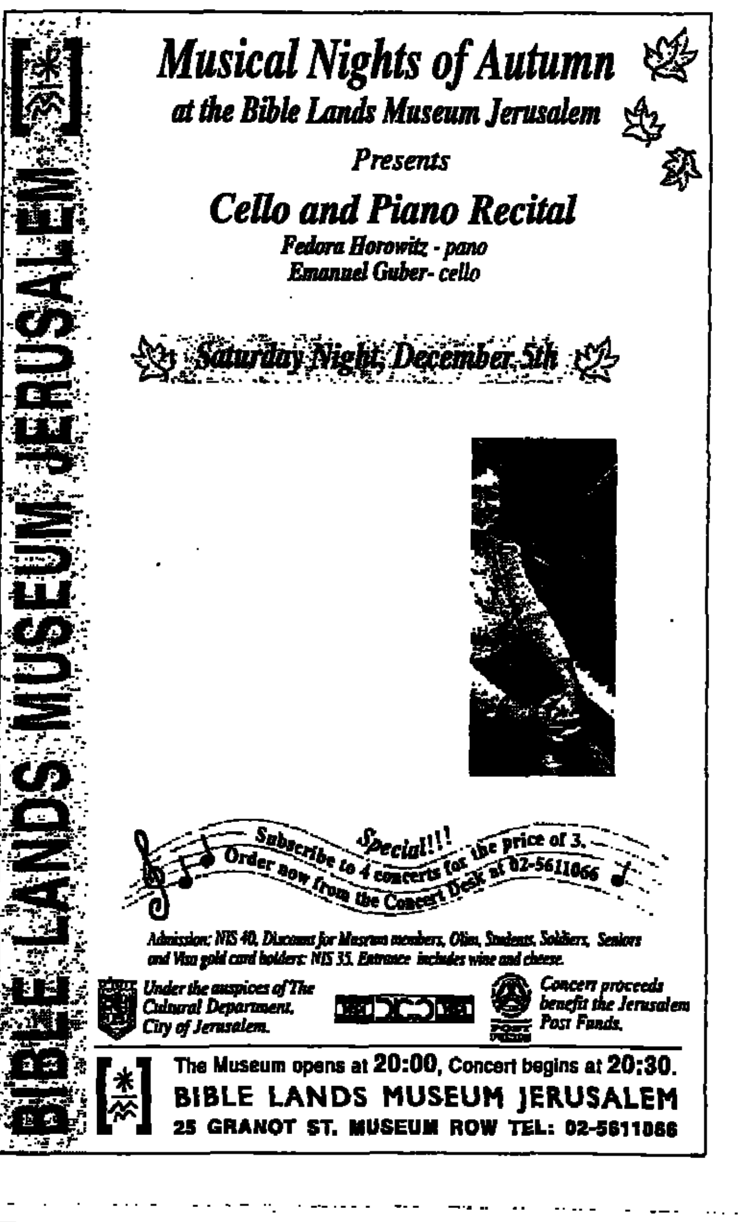
Arguably one of the finest jazz percussionists in the world, the French-born Cinelu, 41, is also a guitarist, composer, singer, arranger and producer who has been based in New York since 1979. He's the featured soloist together with the local jazz band Esta in the second of the World Jazz Series programs from December 9 to 11.

He started off with the guitar, but had transferred to percussion by the time he made his professional debut at age 16. He started his international career on drums with Miles Davis, playing with Weather Report from 1981 to 1986. He's also played with Sting, Elton John and Akiko Yano, done a lot of gigs with Michel Portal, and the list goes on.

He has given concerts to promote human rights, done a world tour on behalf of Amnesty International and played the accordion, flute and percussion for the 1996 film *Dead Man Walking*. He has also composed and played the music for several documentaries.

The concerts are at the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem on December 9 at 8:30 p.m., and at the Tel Aviv Museum on December 10 at 9 p.m. and December 11 at 9:30 p.m.

Mino Cinelu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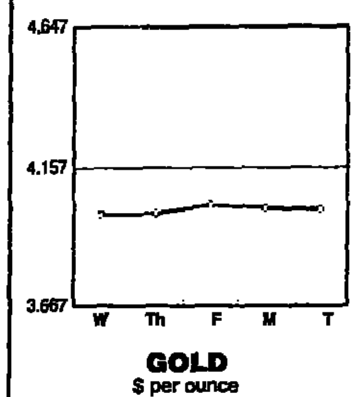

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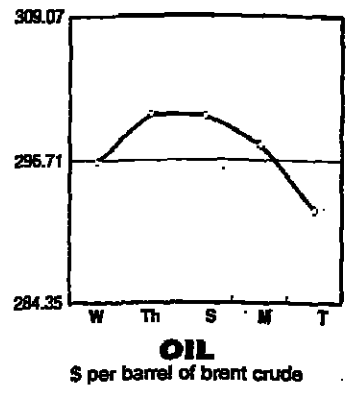

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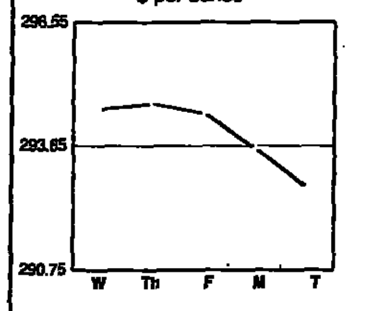

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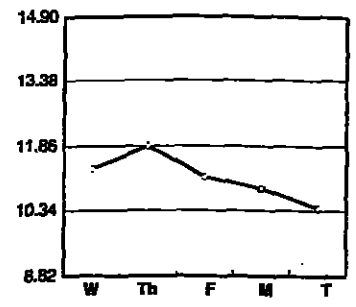

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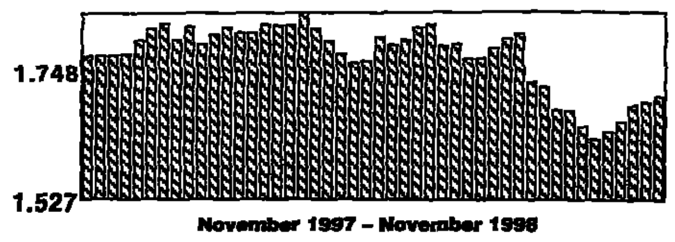

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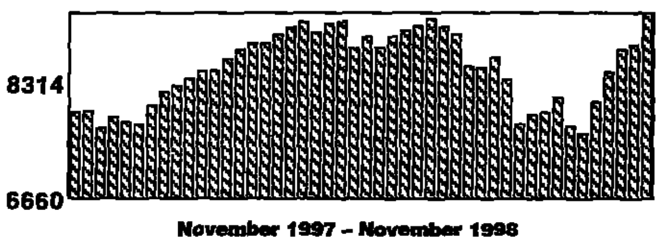


Teva receives FDA approval

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries announced that it has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to manufacture and market Isosorbide Mononitrate tablets, a cardiovascular drug. The company said that the treatment is the generic equivalent of drugs produced by Schwarz and Wyeth Ayerst. with US annual sales of some $40m. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Forsoft wins $3m. Knesset contract

Leading information technology services provider, ForSoft, has been awarded a $3 million outsourcing contract for the Knesset it was announced this week. The five-year contract was awarded to ForSoft, a member of the Formula Group, after a public tender. The Herzliya company, which is traded on NASDAQ, will become the Israeli parliament's computer outsourcing supplier.
Nicky Blackburn

Israelis buy foreign property for $236m

Israelis have purchased foreign properties for some $236 million since the government announced the currency liberalization last May, which removed restrictions on investment of Israeli citizens abroad. The figures were supplied yesterday by the commercial real estate firm Colliers International which plans a special fair for Israelis interested in buying properties in London. The London-Israel fair would be held next week in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and is organized by Colliers and Anglo-Saxon. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

GartnerGroup Holds Y2K Conference

The world's leading research and advisory company in the field of information technology is to hold a conference on the Year 2000 crisis at the Holiday Inn in Tel Aviv on December 7. The conference, which has been organised by the Middle East division of the GartnerGroup, will examine how companies can prepare themselves for the Year 2000 problem, and make a prediction about what might happen on January 1 2000.

The conference will also discuss the short and long terms effects of the impending European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) which will go into effect next year. Speaking at the conference are two of the GartnerGroup's top European experts - Andy Ktye, VP of Y2K and applications development, and Nick Jones, VP and program director of EMU strategies. *Nicky Blackburn*

SA retail chain launches 'Israel Month'

Pick 'n Pay Stores, one of the three largest supermarket chain in South Africa, launched last week an Israeli food festival in its 265 stores. Osem Investments, Israel's second largest processed foods manufacturer, said yesterday that its products will be presented at the fair as part of its attempt to enter the South African market. Osem's products would be imported to South Africa by the local subsidiary of Swiss food giant Nestle, which controls 47 percent of Osem. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Treasury D-G blames central bank for inflation jump

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Had the Bank of Israel intervened in currency trading since Succot, the depreciation of the shekel would have been less significant and inflation would not have shot up, Treasury Director-General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb told the cabinet yesterday.

At the end of the day-long meeting, ministers failed to make concrete proposals for revitalizing the economy. They agreed to meet early next year to reexamine macro economic issues, especially the 1999 inflation target. At that same meeting, the Treasury will offer a fresh list of proposals for investment in infrastructure projects in a bid to renew economic growth.

Addressing a special meeting on the state of the economy in general ,and the 1999 inflation target in particular, Zilberfarb said there is no need for the central bank to intervene on a daily basis but added "total [central bank] abstention from activity in the market is also undesirable."

He attacked the central bank for relying solely on one tool – the setting of interest rates – rather than also using other means for keeping the shekel's performance in check.

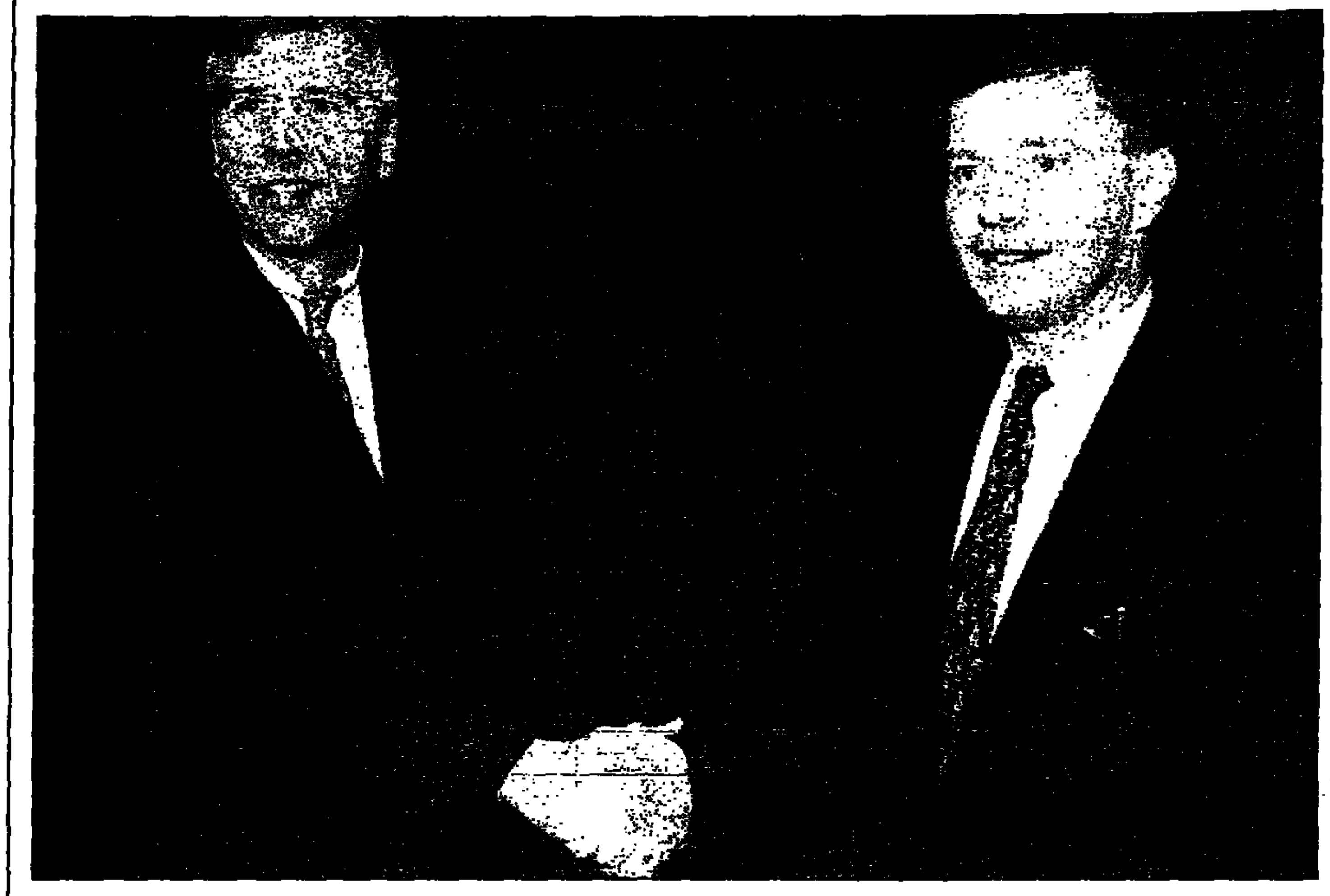
"Activity of the Bank of Israel as a market maker would have prevented a big jump in the exchange rate as a response to comparatively small demand for foreign currency," said Zilberfarb. This would have provided sufficient liquidity to the market, reduced the shekel mountain and increased long-term stability, he maintained. "As a result, we estimate, the depreciation and the subsequent increase in prices would have been less steep."

Zilberfarb did back Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's recent statement that he and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman agreed during Succot not to intervene, but Zilberfarb added that decision was taken on the basis that the depreciation was a one-off. After a week of continued losses against the basket of currencies, the Treasury called on the central bank to rethink the issue. The central bank did not then intervene. Over the last three months, the shekel has depreciated 15 percent against the dollar and inflation increased some 6%, Zilberfarb told ministers.

Frenkel told the meeting that direct intervention on a daily basis could have encouraged a speculative attack on the shekel, and would thus affect economic stability and the chances for renewed growth. Frenkel told ministers that conditions have been created allowing for a real-term depreciation of the shekel, which would improve the economy's ability to compete.

Neeman urged that no decision be taken to change the 1999 inflation target this year and only after a longer-term analysis of the market's performance should the cabinet think about raising the 4% goal. He reminded ministers that this had been Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's advice when the subject was last debated in cabinet in August. Neeman offered similar advice on the reform of the Bank of Israel. No rushed decisions should be made until a public committee investigating the issue reports back to cabinet towards the end of December. An increasing number of MKs are pushing for the creation of a board of governors as proposed in a private members bill from Avraham Shohat (Labor). Frenkel maintains the nature of the bank's decision-making process should only be a part of a wider overhaul of the existing Bank of Israel Law, passed in 1954.

Meanwhile, Knesset Economics committee Chairman Amnon Rubinstein yesterday called on the Industry and Trade Ministry to determine whether chain stores increased their prices by more than 10% in order "to catch a lift" on the back of the depreciation. In recent weeks, the costs of a broad range of products have risen sharply, many of which are not linked to the performance of the shekel against foreign currencies.



Another oil merger

Francois Cornelis (left) CEO of Petrofina, Belgium, and Thierry Desmarest, CEO of Total SA, France, shake hands in Brussels after announcing a merger that will make the new company the world's sixth largest oil group. The announcement coincides with one by Exxon that it will buy Mobil, a move that will create the world's largest petrochemicals concern. (Reuters)

Exxon to pay $86 billion for Mobil

By TERENCE FLANAGAN and GEORGE STIEN

Exxon Corp., the biggest US oil company, has said it will buy Mobil Corp. for about $86 billion in stock and assumed debt in the largest acquisition ever, creating the world's largest publicly traded oil company. Mobil shareholders will receive 1.32015 Exxon shares for each Mobil share, valuing the offer at $99 a share, a 32-percent premium to Mobil's closing price on November 24, before investors began speculating on a merger.

Exxon and Mobil, the No. 2 US oil company, are combining as crude prices hover at the lowest in almost 12 years and earnings have plummeted. The companies plan to make $2.8 billion in annual cost reductions.

The new company, which will be known as Exxon-Mobil, will have a market value of about $250 billion, vaulting it ahead of Europe's Royal Dutch/Shell Group as the world's biggest investor-owned oil and natural gas company.

Together, an Exxon-Mobil combination has 22 percent of the US gasoline market, refines more oil than any company in the world and ranks first among the Fortune 500 companies based on revenue.

The merger reunites the biggest pieces of John D. Rockfeller's Standard Oil monopoly, which was broken up by a antitrust ruling by the US Supreme Court 87 years ago. (Bloomberg)

Bridging the Arab-Israeli business gap

By NICKY BLACKBURN

Young Arab and Jewish entrepreneurs were given a boost this week when the Bankers Trust Israel Office donated $20,000 to an international management training program run by the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

The program, called Building Business Bridges, is designed to create a group of business leaders from both the Jewish and Arab worlds who understand the needs and demands of both business sectors.

The project was initiated earlier this year by the Jewish-Arab center, the New Israel Fund and British retailer Marks and Spencer.

Nine young entrepreneurs from diverse fields such as computer software, food and advertising, were picked from hundreds of applicants to take part in this year's program. They study for 300 academic hours on subjects such as international business management, cross-cultural communications and entrepreneurial strategy. They then participate in a three-month management training program at Marks & Spencer in London, before taking part in an internship with some of Israel's leading corporations. The program ends in spring 1999.

"These young people will lead our society in creating business ties across the barriers that hinder healthy economic relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel and the region," said Sarah Kreimer, codirector of the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

She added that recruitment for the second year of studies will start in February 1999.

"As a global corporation we recognize the importance of learning to manage in a multicultural environment," said Daniel Barkan, managing director of the Bankers Trust Israel Office. "We hope this program will strengthen the fabric of the Israeli business community and advance the relations between the two cultures."

Israel's Corp. net down 36%

COMPANY RESULTS

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Israel Corp. yesterday announced that third-quarter net profit fell 35.6 percent to NIS 38.17 million from NIS 59.28m. a year earlier, despite the fact that revenues remained almost unchanged at NIS 5.4 billion.

Net profit for the first nine months rose to NIS 364.3m. from NIS 343m. in the previous year, while revenues fell to NIS 15.3b. from NIS 16.4b. a year earlier. The Israel Corp. recorded a capital gain of NIS 171.5m. from the sale of several subsidiaries, compared with only NIS 13.7m. in 1997.

The company said that the decline in revenues is an outcome of the fact that the results of companies which were sold during the first three quarters of the year were not included in the report.

It added that the decline also can be attributed to a sharp decrease in revenues of its oil refineries subsidiary, which moved into the red, posting a loss of some NIS 6m. for the first nine months compared with NIS 19.4m. a year earlier. The decline was attributed to a sharp decrease in the prices of crude oil.

The holding company's results were positively affected by an increase in the profits of some of its subsidiaries, including Israel Chemicals and Zim, the Israel Navigation Corp.

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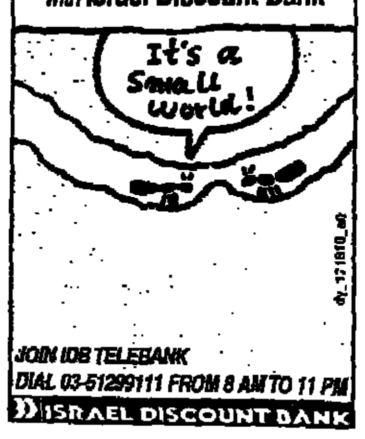
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The trouble lurking below

Political pressures arising from the possibility of early elections may encourage unsound economic decisions, which should lead investors to exercise caution

By NEIL COHEN

The late summer turmoil has almost been forgotten. Not only has Wall Street regained all the ground it lost in the sharp correction, it has since soared to new highs. European exchanges have followed in its wake.

The TASE has not been left out. So strong has been the pull, that even two sharp interest rate hikes have failed to dent investors' enthusiasm for Israeli stocks, at a time when almost every other country has been cutting rates.

It could be argued that investors have been encouraged by the presence of a firm hand on the economic tiller, which seems to have succeeded in calming the turbulence in the currency market.

At the same time, though, there is intense political pressure, now even from the prime minister, on the Governor of the Bank of Israel to cut rates – not when he sees fit, based on economic fundamentals, but to suit the government's electoral needs.

Two key questions are how long will rates stay high, and how quickly will inflation come down. The devaluation-induced price hikes were scary, and the central bank's almost instinctive reaction was understandable, though not necessarily correct. Personally, I felt the currency markets would have calmed by themselves without the second rate hike. Now an already slowing economy is forced to contend with very expensive money.

The government seems intent on playing up to the public. It appears to be preparing for elections some time soon, and one might reasonably expect other pressure groups to join the students in putting their hands out.

The difficulties in navigating such a delicate economic situation, and the potential problems in the medium term that could result from any slip-up, make me believe that the risks on the downside exceed the upside potential.

This rally may yet run, as low interest rates, a relatively benign US economy and the absence of many alternative investments keep Americans heavily invested in stocks. But I'm inclined to be cautious. I think that trouble is lurking under the surface, and while valuations on the TASE are not excessive, I am anxious to protect more of our gains and willing to sacrifice additional return if that is what it takes.

ONE area that I am particularly cautious about is real estate. The sector was already suffering long before the currency turmoil, and the combination of a weaker shekel and higher rates will not help demand. So, as I review the portfolio, this is one area where I would be looking to potentially trim holdings.

The flipside of this argument is that controlling shareholders in several of the medium-sized publicly traded real-estate companies are tendering for stock, buying out the public at what must be low prices. If one piece of history keeps repeating itself in the TASE, it's the public's unerring ability to buy high and sell low, and insiders' ability to do the opposite.

PERSONAL FINANCE

I'm disinclined to sell the holding in Citrus Properties. It's a high quality convertible bond with a useful running yield and a relatively low conversion premium. The company has a large, low-cost land bank which remains largely unexploited, therefore there is plenty of room for long-term share price appreciation. Given its strong balance sheet, the company is well placed to weather a downturn.

The real estate-related stock in the conservative portfolio that I am ready to reduce is Bank Tefahot. The mortgage business faces major challenges, which have not been made any easier by economic conditions, and although the stock is cheap, I think it could come under pressure in a difficult economic environment. I am trimming the holding by 20 percent.

I also want to cut back on Teva. Partly because it has had a very good run recently and may be vulnerable to profit-taking, and partly because it has grown to a disproportionately large piece of our portfolio at close to 13%.

Pharmaceutical stocks in the US have had a very strong run, in which Teva has participated; it is just not clear how much the problems in the local healthcare sector will hurt Teva's earnings.

While it has been consistently one of the best performing companies for Israeli investors, I want to keep the holding in line and raise some extra cash at the same time. I am cutting the holding by 25%.

In the aggressive portfolio, I am hanging on to Laznik Commercial. It is a tiny stock that is tied to the success of one specific high quality building which seems to be doing well, and the market is not accounting for this in the company's price.

Where I am trimming in the aggressive portfolio is Tower Semiconductor. The semiconductor stocks have recovered sharply after testing some fairly deep lows. Many analysts have taken the view that the first signs of recovery in the semiconductor cycle are starting to become apparent. Tower is an immensely cyclical stock in an extremely cyclical industry.

In its third quarter results, the company was still reporting a sharp fall in revenues, losses and a generally pessimistic picture. An increase in fab utilization and unit orders was mostly offset by continued price erosion, which is a result of the overall business environment, the company said. Visibility of customers' capacity demands remained poor due to uncertain consumption from their customers.

The stock has run up nicely, so I am selling half the position into this relative strength.

If the country's economic governance maintains its nerve, and doesn't lose its sense to electoral considerations, my feeling is that the near-term opportunities may be in the bond market. But I think we'll have to wait and see.

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NEIL'S PORTFOLIO

General Share Index as of 8/2/96: 174.85 25/11/98 201.87

All money values in NIS unless otherwise noted

		No. of shares	Cost/share	Total cost	Current price	Current value
Conservative	Citrus Properties convertible	10,416.60	0.96	10,025	1.23	12,812.54
	Teva	8.51	1,035.60	8,810	1,825.00	15,525.28
	Bank Tefahot	4.97	1,303.34	6,481	1,840.00	9,149.03
	Clal Israel	143.68	69.60	10,025	101.90	14,640.89
	Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3,769	9.00	3,830.83
	Jafora Tabori	556.80	8.98	5,025	7.30	4,064.64
	Ytong	640.00	7.79	5,010	9.51	6,086.40
	IDB	1,432.66	3.49	5,025	3.72	5,329.50
	Koor	28.00	357.05	10,017	361.00	10,108.00
	Bezeq	625.00	12.00	7,520	12.75	7,968.75
	Elbit Imaging	125.31	39.90	5,020	44.10	5,526.17
	1 month cash deposit at 12%					63,830.99
	Total portfolio value			100,000		158,972.90
Aggressive	Laznik Commercial ordinary	4,314.51	1.24	5,775	1.55	6,700.43
	Clal Electronics	16.31	283.28	4,641	603.00	9,836.74
	Tower Semiconductor	146.00	$5.75	3,292	$9.88	5,993.35
	Israel Chemicals	3,488.37	2.58	9,023	3.57	12,453.48
	Delek Motors	1,219.88	3.32	4,075	6.20	7,563.26
	Biotech General	224.00	$11.00	8,482	$6.75	6,285.38
	Discount Investments	120.00	81.62	9,819	106.80	12,816.00
	Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	288.00	13,629.89
	Ayalon Insurance	729.93	6.85	5,020	5.00	3,649.65
	A. Levy warrant	4,854.37	1.03	5,020	0.40	1,941.75
	MZPK	1,002.00	7.47	7,505	6.13	6,142.26
	ESC Medical	120.00	$21.44	9,950	$10.44	5,206.64
	1 month cash deposit at 12%					62,999.66
	Total portfolio value			100,000		155,218.50
Defensive	AlRov-4 convertible	5,847.95	.86	5,020	.83	4,859.65
	ZurShamir3 convertible	5,206.33	.96	5,020	1.01	5,260.41
	Granit 1 convertible	3,501.40	1.43	5,020	1.59	5,567.23
	1 Month deposit					98,961.38
	Total portfolio value			100,000		114,648.70

THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

(From left) Nahum Admoni, Avishay Braverman and Yehiel Admoni

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the passing of Israel's founding prime minister David Ben-Gurion, Ben-Gurion University last week awarded honorary doctorates to Dr. **Johannes Rau**, former prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia who was recently nominated by the Social Democratic Party to be Germany's next president; pioneer industrialist **Stef Wertheimer**; Negev developer **Yehiel Admoni**; and Professor **Haim Doron**, who by personal example demonstrated how the Zionist dream could be harnessed to academic excellence. On hand to congratulate Admoni was his brother, former Mossad chief **Nahum Admoni**. The two are pictured with BGU president **Avishay Braverman**.

Sarah Dor, the former sales manager for Air Canada, has transferred to Ethiopian Airlines, where she continues to work in the same capacity.

The communications and marketing division of Partner is expanding. In addition to the appointments of **Nira Weiss** as manager of media acquisitions and productions and **Pinchas Atali** as manager of sectoral advertising and marketing, the company has announced that **Vered Tzur**, a former accounts executive with Arieli, has been appointed head of the division for media advertising. **Noa Shemesh**, the former manager of Tapud Advertising, has also been appointed manager of Partner's advertising and sales promotion division.

Another feather in the feminist cap is the appointment of attorney **Rachel Don-Yihye**, to the board of directors of the Israel Electric Corp. Don-Yihye sits on the board as a representative of the public. Don-Yihye, who has a second degree in law, co-headed a team commissioned by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies to research women in Israel's legal profession.

One of the first appearances of newly elected Beersheba Mayor **Ya'acov Terner** before a visiting delegation from abroad will take place tomorrow, when he hosts an Israel Bonds Labor Delegation headed by attorney **Stuart W. Davidson**. The delegation from the US is also scheduled to meet with Internal Security Minister **Avigdor Kahalani**, Histadrut Chairman **Amir Peretz** and MKs **Naomi Blumenthal** and **Hagai Merom**. Israel Bonds President **Gideon Patt** said in New York last week that his organization wants to sell $900 million of Israel Bonds to professional organizations and pension funds in 1999.

Ehud Grossman, 38, has been appointed head of the planning and development division at Teldor Computer Systems. An alumnus of Bar-Ilan University, Grossman holds a degree in economics and computer science. In another development, Teldor has appointed **Nili Katzir**, 53, as head of its Call Center department in its projects and data systems division.

Eran Hendler has been appointed front desk manager at the Sport Hotel, Eilat. He was previously housekeeping manager at the adjacent King Solomon Hotel, which is also part of the Isrotel chain.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

FLEXIBLE

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Abir	239.29	238.60	+4.49	+8.33	18.0
Adar Flexible	108.59	107.30	+1.59	+6.73	25.8
Afikim Flexible	214.01	211.36	+8.18	+2.50	13.3
Ahrayut Flexible	474.93	466.52	+4.10	-7.03	2.2
Alomot Flexible	107.82	106.00	+2.28	—	9.5
Analyst Deversified	823.32	804.07	+6.30	+11.13	62.8
Apex Flexible	189.75	189.14	+2.82	+21.86	49.0
Arximedes	99.70	97.74	+3.22	+4.19	1.2
Avuka	1920.96	1915.70	+5.80	+0.77	4.8
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	227.30	222.84	+5.98	+7.72	27.7
Clali Flexible	1151.01	1147.59	+4.81	+0.27	4.4
Dikla Mamon	258.53	256.92	+2.21	-2.55	21.6
Dikla Meitav	183.79	183.32	+3.77	+1.92	10.0
Dikla Moked	3401.54	3375.71	+0.57	+1.11	70.6
Dovrat Shram Flexible	168.23	164.78	+5.17	-7.42	24.5
Emda Idit	3841.67	3803.45	+3.82	-3.75	26.8
Epsilon Flexible	160.28	159.73	+2.30	+2.78	9.6
Evergreen Flexible	117.83	116.88	+5.86	-3.89	7.6
Excellence Flexible	3293.26	3250.24	+1.83	+12.39	8.0
Gafor Flexible	101.04	100.80	+0.85	-0.51	1.7
Igud Bonds	110.04	109.53	-0.35	+5.06	4.9
Igud Flexible	174.92	173.88	+5.71	+8.19	15.4
Igud Shikit	145.15	145.01	-0.14	+11.14	270.0
Ilanot 30 Plus	151.16	150.40	+6.67	-1.73	2.5
Ilanot 90	248.99	247.58	+5.43	-1.30	20.9
Ilanot Shikim Atid	2504.68	2504.68	+0.01	—	5.1
Ilanot Tidhar	3308.60	3300.35	+4.54	+2.12	66.2
Kivun Flexible	123.07	122.02	+5.14	+0.96	5.6
Lahak Duhifat	752.70	739.66	+1.70	+0.92	64.2
Lamashkia	—	—	—		6.0
Lapid	1532.30	1532.30	+5.31	-4.51	4.4
Maofim Bonds	107.83	106.59	-0.23	—	8.9
Maofim Flexible	136.19	133.66	-0.31	-2.74	9.5
Maritime Flexible Fund	101.14	99.30	+8.88	+8.70	9.7
Meitav Flexible	174.67	172.85	+4.15	+10.81	3.0
Models Flexible	112.32	110.00	+5.47	-0.84	13.8
Models Teuza	100.71	99.41	+6.04	+4.96	4.5
Moritz Money Market	144.34	144.34	+0.52	+9.46	12.8
Nesua Zanex Flexible	2493.99	2481.39	+3.60	-3.44	9.4
Netz	81.36	81.15	-7.06	-33.72	0.3
Noga	947.23	935.50	+1.28	+9.70	46.6
Omer Pekan	189.88	186.56	+3.78	-7.76	16.4
Otzar Flexible	109.84	107.94	+4.99	+8.66	4.3
Pekan Saar Flexible Fund	213.11	212.45	+4.90	+10.76	192.1
Pia Hayovel	229.28	227.45	+5.45	+13.69	46.1
Pia Kela	963.79	958.99	+3.92	+6.65	283.3
Psagot Garnish	570.17	560.06	+5.63	-1.01	123.0
Psagot Megama	336.06	333.39	+5.01	-0.09	67.0
Ramco Flexible	191.40	189.15	+0.45	+12.39	6.3
Saar Flexible	230.58	228.22	+1.59	+5.11	2.9
Sigma Flexible	97.30	96.25	+7.79	-3.60	7.5
Sivan	267.48	264.43	+2.20	+1.44	54.9
Telescope	110.46	110.27	+2.79	-12.45	1.1
Yaad Flexible	103.12	102.18	+2.96	+2.42	4.7
Yesodot	3084.56	3029.98	+3.38	+0.21	29.6
Zeller Flexible	80.74	79.91	+1.74	-14.05	3.4
Zion Flexible	13000.36	12966.78	+3.18	-8.06	8.8

SHARES

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Adif Pekan	117.12	115.04	+3.87	+0.10	27.4
Afikim Shares	290.41	286.71	+5.28	+3.95	12.4
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	140.91	138.12	+5.98	-10.38	1.5
Ahrayut Real Estate	215.63	211.32	+4.48	-4.25	6.7
Ahrayut Shares	310.83	305.33	+4.09	-7.14	2.5
Alomot Growth	93.97	92.35	+5.85	—	1.0
Analyst Aggressive	165.35	161.51	+8.40	+8.82	50.5
Analyst Equity	1317.31	1286.85	+6.04	+10.75	138.9
Analyst Industries	407.78	398.40	+6.08	+10.20	52.9
Apex Shares	123.63	123.12	+5.20	+23.53	15.8
Atlas Pekan	—	—	—	—	30.0
Baron	222.70	218.69	+6.85	+1.45	10.5
Bloch Rotstein Shares	119.51	117.12	+8.27	+17.30	11.8
Capital Shares	99.50	98.23	+8.73	+7.68	2.3
Chemical Pekan	129.56	127.39	+10.24	+8.62	5.4
Clali Maof	242.49	241.79	+6.60	-1.49	11.7
Clali Shares & Conv.	158.72	156.30	+7.15	+5.39	1.7
Dikla Masgal	97.41	95.66	+7.57	-6.46	10.2
Dikla Madad Maof	208.01	206.90	+5.97	-0.39	69.3
Dikla Maretz	525.13	521.06	+6.70	-0.43	58.1
Dikla Miftan	101.23	100.47	+5.84	-17.51	14.8
Dikla Migzar Finance	118.68	117.76	+4.29	-5.65	25.7
Dikla Mikud 30	68.77	68.23	+7.28	-6.03	27.6
Dikla Mivneh	352.65	348.93	+5.23	-1.93	22.5
Dikla Mondial	—	—	—	—	13.9
Dikla Mor	1561.46	1549.34	+6.87	-0.56	78.5
Dovrat Shrem 100	107.46	105.28	+8.15	-3.84	10.3
Dovrat Shrem Yeter	117.59	115.19	+5.78	-7.58	7.3
Emda Export	85.25	84.40	+7.08	-0.21	8.1
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	6.8
Emda Maof	216.79	215.11	+6.43	-0.28	35.0
Emda Paz	181.67	179.88	+5.33	-0.90	10.4
Emda Shalhevet	160.25	159.06	+5.09	-0.82	11.5
Emda T-A 100	2039.01	2017.55	+5.96	+0.41	46.5
Emda Yeter	1529.53	1513.84	+3.29	-8.37	19.5
Epsilon 36	104.85	104.29	+3.31	+3.23	23.1
Epsilon Shares	182.46	181.91	+3.10	-0.89	12.4
Epsilon Technologies	—	—	—	—	10.6
Eraz Pekan	368.66	362.06	+9.20	+9.80	145.3
Esh	586.12	574.55	+7.25	-4.43	1.9
Evergreen High Tech	—	—	—	—	9.9
Evergreen Shares	156.88	155.58	+4.39	-2.90	14.7
Excellence Agresive	276.60	273.55	+6.03	+14.78	8.5
Excellence Shares	649.16	645.66	+4.22	+12.60	7.5
Eyal Shares	128.71	128.71	+4.22	-4.42	5.7
Gal	118.62	117.13	+5.65	+2.30	13.0
Hon Pekan	101.07	99.29	+3.16	-10.77	46.3
Igud Maof	95.11	94.72	+6.88	-0.32	6.0
Igud Shares	152.96	152.13	+4.48	+3.76	8.3
Igud Yeter	101.90	101.41	+4.42	-6.43	4.5
Ilanot Caramim	156.78	155.95	+2.26	-5.90	58.4
Ilanot Communication	109.26	108.73	+5.67	+0.65	50.9
Ilanot Dekel	3096.01	3031.41	+6.14	-1.64	87.5
Ilanot Finance	88.33	87.89	+2.84	-7.19	10.8
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	11.5
Ilanot Maof	205.77	204.85	+6.64	+0.19	61.3
Ilanot Nadlan	1459.91	1452.69	+3.77	—	27.7
Ilanot Nimrezet	75.64	75.28	+2.27	-12.09	4.9
Ilanot Shares	4777.82	4752.00	+5.70	-5.46	7.9
Ilanot Shchakim	50.74	50.48	+3.29	-12.77	13.1
Ilanot Sheæk	914.65	910.01	+5.65	-0.24	100.7
Ilanot T-A 100	2780.34	2766.80	+6.67	-0.39	64.9
Israel America	—	—	—	—	0.9
Kohav Pekan	176.67	173.52	+7.65	+4.50	87.4
Koor Money Market	135.45	135.31	+0.46	+8.92	205.0
Koor Shares	94.90	93.71	+8.04	+0.93	6.9
Lahak Agresivit Plus	78.54	77.19	+6.19	-11.80	15.7
Lahak Ankor	834.44	815.69	+6.01	-3.86	30.6
Lahak Dividends	337.09	336.19	+5.81	+9.89	55.6
Lahak Menayot 30	96.30	96.04	+5.61	—	38.1
Lahak Menayot Yeter	98.66	97.91	+1.26	-13.05	16.9
Lahak Nadlan	131.58	129.29	+6.38	+0.32	27.2
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—	—	—	—	15.6
Lahak Tor 100	433.65	426.07	+5.90	-0.73	66.8
Lahak Yessu	77.23	77.01	+8.81	+3.49	31.9
Lahak Zamir	815.52	801.17	+7.06	-1.63	50.0
Masle Maof Pekan	187.03	183.75	+6.19	-1.83	57.1
Magic	268.93	264.19	+5.10	+1.27	7.5
Meitav High Tech	—	—	—	—	1.8
Meitav Options	46.94	46.22	+4.05	+11.11	10.3
Meitav Shares	221.62	219.33	+3.90	+7.33	5.5
Meitav Teuza	114.90	113.71	+2.75	+3.72	4.9
Mercazit Caram Maniv	53.71	53.57	-0.50	-19.26	1.0
Mercazit Maof	191.22	190.83	+6.11	-2.78	2.1
Mercazit TA 100	248.52	247.87	+4.45	-4.93	2.7
Mertingall Dynamic	—	—	—	—	15.9
Neciha Continental	59.49	58.42	+6.61	+1.94	11.0
Nesua Zanex Shares	450.35	447.83	+4.33	-0.04	6.2
Nili T-A 100	1049.39	1035.98	+5.47	+1.57	17.4
Omega	125.15	122.94	+6.21	+0.65	1.6
Otzar Foreign Int. Par.	156.29	153.57	+3.48	+8.32	2.2
Otzar Shares	121.41	119.31	+4.92	+7.07	6.1
Otzar Yeter	88.12	87.58	+6.11	-0.05	4.0
Pekan T-A 100	162.44	161.97	+5.44	+0.52	59.9
Pia 2000	96.65	94.92	+8.27	+3.86	19.4
Pia Bdolach T-A 100	1015.69	997.84	+4.61	+0.03	74.5
Pia Manof	133.07	130.72	+8.43	+1.02	35.7
Pia Maof	199.56	196.04	+6.12	+0.13	83.9
Pia Michlol	843.50	828.58	+4.92	+6.70	129.5
Pia Odem	1277.17	1270.25	+5.61	+7.89	152.9
Pia Olamit	—	—	—	—	32.7
Pia Yahalom	1148.72	1128.31	+6.10	+8.72	81.5
Pia Ziruk	66.21	65.04	+5.45	+4.11	30.9
Pritza	—	—	—	—	0.5
Psagot 20	84.69	83.21	+8.49	—	110.0
Psagot Al	75.25	73.92	+4.52	-13.15	22.0
Psagot Focus	110.04	109.44	+9.76	+1.12	76.0
Psagot High Tech	—	—	—	—	38.0
Psagot Mabat Lashalom	135.42	133.02	+6.44	+4.29	35.0
Psagot Menayot	858.83	843.61	+7.67	+1.03	135.0
Psagot T-A 100	377.98	375.93	+7.69	+2.78	193.0
Psagot Yeter	188.46	185.12	+5.59	+0.17	40.0
Raam 90	117.22	115.04	+0.55	-21.63	4.5
Sigma Nivheret	158.36	158.24	+7.64	—	3.1
Simodan Shares & Conv.	71.74	70.64	+4.74	-12.98	0.5
Singer Bernea Financial	112.25	110.27	+3.21	-1.71	0.5
Singer Barnea Shmura	139.33	138.91	+5.04	-2.17	1.9
Tamir Fishman Temiha	—	—	—	—	6.6
Tauot Sufa	155.61	154.69	+5.20	+7.71	22.6
Yaar	30.32	30.23	-8.89	-39.35	0.2
Zik	325.91	325.06	+4.50	-7.67	2.7
Zion Shares	136.86	136.11	+5.20	-8.55	2.4
Zion Yeter	80.71	80.45	+3.78	-14.94	3.1

STATE BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Ahrayut State Bonds	472.62	466.81	-0.29	+6.94	7.2
Almog Pekan	286.99	281.91	-0.58	+3.81	109.4
Analyst Government Bonds	433.69	428.12	-0.15	+10.25	31.7
Clali Dotan	1314.45	1310.82	-0.56	+6.24	5.5
Clali State Bonds	488.79	487.41	-0.86	+1.99	11.1
Dikla Marom	6626.95	6580.33	-1.11	+7.37	34.0
Dikla Mivtah	1840.20	1826.25	-2.14	+9.55	60.6
Duces	268.94	268.24	+0.37	+9.46	15.7
Emda Government Bond	1174.03	1164.78	-0.65	+6.51	74.5
Emda Lashem	1508.14	1493.18	-0.53	+3.04	29.9
Emda Sella	1449.42	1438.80	-0.38	+5.65	50.4
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	219.16	218.53	-0.69	+10.20	20.0
Geva	438.42	433.14	+0.48	+7.44	90.1
Hilla Pekan	581.23	581.23	-1.14	+8.65	611.9
Ilanot Egoz	1256.49	1251.05	-1.23	+10.74	96.1
Ilanot Tapuah	710.33	707.26	-1.47	+3.72	44.7
Ilanot Tapuz	1140.29	1135.42	+0.27	+5.99	104.3
Lahak Efroni	570.83	569.10	-0.85	+3.45	54.5
Lahak Shahaf	150.58	147.98	+0.63	+8.33	53.6
Lahak Snunit	742.95	740.93	+0.33	+11.19	173.1
Maritime Government Bond	168.06	165.85	+2.45	+10.54	12.9
Meitav Gov't Bonds	132.74	131.70	-1.25	+12.15	21.2
Mekorit Pekan	127.47	125.22	-1.51	+6.83	19.5
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	164.12	162.94	-1.16	+6.25	6.1
Nesua Zanex Gov't Bonds	1456.90	1450.71	-0.89	+9.54	42.7
Otzar Gov't Bonds	164.01	161.20	-0.01	+7.56	15.5
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	263.17	261.10	+0.12	—	84.4
Pia Tarshish	142.21	139.70	-1.02	+7.41	256.7
Pia Zamid	5045.59	4956.53	-0.86	+6.52	164.3
Psagot Agach	614.53	603.66	+0.20	+7.84	56.0
Psagot Meala	464.09	460.43	-0.22	+8.69	63.0
Psagot Madad	599.91	589.29	-0.68	+6.75	128.0
Shavit Pekan	786.42	772.55	-0.29	+11.53	217.4
Yaara Pekan	615.00	613.22	-1.44	+8.04	181.5
Yevul Pekan	805.11	802.75	-0.73	+8.86	199.5
Ziv	677.41	668.84	-1.16	+10.09	47.0
Zohar	547.64	540.83	-0.45	+7.64	40.5

COMPANY BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Bonds	352.38	348.10	+5.08	+5.14	41.2
Ahrayut Bonds	207.75	204.24	+0.28	+5.06	4.1
Amirim	141.08	140.02	+0.66	+8.11	24.7
Analyst Corporate Bonds	309.45	303.95	+1.49	+8.12	90.8
Analyst Money Market	164.72	164.27	+0.15	+8.34	11.2
Apex Tsua	155.66	155.21	-0.11	+16.72	98.1
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	171.56	169.16	+0.68	+8.28	14.7
Bond	166.33	165.20	-0.16	+2.25	8.5
Capital Bonds	158.57	157.37	-1.24	+6.47	10.1
Clali Company Debentures	219.68	219.05	+0.95	+7.04	2.9
Clali Gen' Bond Rating	110.35	110.04	-0.05	—	16.1
Clali Zmina	184.59	184.41	+0.28	+8.29	46.8
Dikla Maayan	990.08	983.06	-0.84	+6.26	52.9
Dikla Magen Plus	106.55	106.55	+0.36	—	270.9
Dikla Maskoret Plus	153.14	153.14	+0.53	+10.06	329.0
Dikla Meimad	516.10	514.92	-1.95	+19.01	53.5
Dikla Mirvah	636.41	631.40	-0.13	+3.14	22.1
Dikla Mivhar	621.35	616.89	-0.93	+10.66	46.6
Dikla Nigvan	2102.22	2087.39	+0.38	+5.16	88.1
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	177.07	174.38	+1.43	+4.92	55.1
Emda Dynamit Magen	112.90	112.90	+0.75	+7.79	46.3
Emda Halamish	158.32	156.77	+0.13	+7.56	16.1
Emda Hamara	1145.21	1133.81	+1.14	+0.53	48.1
Emda Shikit	105.46	105.46	+0.36	+8.22	680.2
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	130.13	129.75	-0.30	+3.48	22.5
Epsilon Money Market	154.76	154.68	+0.39	+8.72	161.8
Evergreen Shkoola	164.31	163.44	+0.47	+6.98	32.3
Excellence Bonds	2314.32	2286.58	-0.29	+12.89	19.0
Eyal Corporate Bonds	152.85	152.37	+0.23	+1.33	5.9
Eyal Shotef	146.35	146.35	+0.75	+10.38	14.8
Guy	758.25	746.90	+0.73	+9.14	110.5
Herz Pekan	630.05	630.05	+0.50	+8.72	—
I.B.I Shkalim	158.24	158.24	+0.31	+10.36	160.7
Igud Magen Shikit	102.00	101.90	-0.20	—	10.0
Ilanot Agas	480.50	478.49	+1.33	+8.88	45.4
Ilanot Alon	2112.56	2103.64	-0.05	+10.76	47.1
Ilanot Armon	142.28	141.72	+0.16	+7.81	23.5
Ilanot Conv/bonds	3388.89	3373.95	+1.15	+8.42	9.6
Ilanot Eshel	834.45	830.74	+1.47	+8.43	91.9
Ilanot Etrog	1153.98	1148.97	+1.79	+9.11	55.3
Ilanot Muvtahat	109.28	109.28	+1.13	+5.09	36.9
Ilanot Oren	4296.70	4277.52	+2.09	+6.31	126.6
Ilanot Onon	190.91	190.06	-0.21	+11.49	31.6
Ilanot Rimon	587.32	585.66	+0.35	+8.93	—
Ilanot Shahar	253.50	252.39	-0.01	+8.71	38.8
Ilanot Shaked	239.06	238.05	+0.04	+8.52	39.6
Ilanot Shkoola	175.78	175.03	+1.34	+7.64	57.1
Koor Amnar Bonds	229.04	228.45	-0.28	—	31.2
Koor Dilender	101.62	101.51	-0.17	—	35.5
Lahak Conv. Bonds	252.40	252.40	-0.06	+5.48	93.7
Lahak Magen 85%	160.97	160.97	+0.91	+6.15	118.4
Lahak Shkalim	100.79	100.79	—	—	—
Lahak Yaspor	195.53	195.53	+0.58	+9.04	1488
Malkarit Pekan	349.58	343.44	+1.87	+9.62	29.0
Maritime Conv' Bonds	105.00	103.68	+3.87	—	1.6
Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds	162.84	161.56	+0.31	+10.47	13.4
Meitav Money Market	124.03	123.96	-0.13	+9.44	15.7
Mercazit Conv. Bonds	488.93	487.64	+0.92	+9.85	3.5
Mercazit Shikit Gamiso	100.97	100.97	—	—	0.0
Models Shmura	117.17	115.95	+0.95	+7.48	19.0
Nesua Zanex Corp. Bonds	190.28	189.42	+1.11	+4.11	10.7
Otzar Shkalim	139.57	139.15	+0.47	+9.74	103.2
Pekan Corporate Bonds	471.37	463.10	+1.25	+5.27	33.6
Pia Halfin	557.32	557.32	+0.39	+8.82	601.9
Pia Moganet	107.27	107.27	+0.52	+5.10	79.0
Pia Ophir	638.26	638.26	-1.06	+8.41	193.7
Pia Or	1232.27	1210.64	+2.05	+9.80	108.3
Pia Segula	286.62	285.94	-1.03	+10.58	50.7
Pia Shamir	1381.25	1356.94	-0.98	+4.29	129.7
Pia Shkelim Adif	110.39	110.39	-0.59	+11.90	—
Pia Trufa	406.35	399.69	+2.47	+8.79	26.9
Pia Yozma	242.71	238.42	-0.79	+3.38	32.0
Pil	304.70	301.77	-0.48	+4.46	3.8
Psagot Hagana Plus	110.04	110.04	+1.18	+8.56	101.0
Psagot Kol Rega	239.12	233.12	+0.44	+9.10	1482
Psagot Tashlumim	103.28	101.48	-2.54	+8.04	33.0
Psagot Yetsira	617.64	614.27	+0.87	+6.20	183.0
Ramco Bonds	102.93	102.77	-0.47	—	11.1
Simodan Bonds	117.15	115.10	+0.42	-6.95	1.3
Simodan Interest	152.67	151.91	+1.20	+9.62	20.0
Tsuot Hen	188.12	187.21	+1.08	+11.67	34.1
Zeller Conv. Bonds	110.60	110.25	+5.55	-18.94	0.9
Zion Bonds	2041.39	2030.03	-0.34	+3.26	5.6
Zion Gov't Bonds	114.30	114.09	-0.12	+9.48	9.9

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Foreign	—	—	—	—	24.4
Alomot Foreign Currency	116.92	116.12	-2.14	—	8.9
Analyst Europe	—	—	—	—	24.4
Capital Foreign	—	—	—	—	2.1
Dikla Meged	1160.26	1158.12	-2.60	+24.23	56.5
Dollar	—	—	—	—	7.3
Emda Merach	384.17	384.17	-1.20	—	52.8
Emda Tevel	—	—	—	—	49.2
Igud Foreign Currency	115.86	115.62	-2.59	—	10.9
Ilanot Dolev	1048.96	1044.57	-1.22	+19.30	125.3
Ilanot Hul	—	—	—	—	62.6
Ilanot Ilan $	—	—	—	—	45.9
Ilanot Matach	263.11	253.11	-2.11	—	83.4
Lahak Cosmos $	—	—	—	—	3.9
Lahak Matach	698.05	698.05	-2.87	+23.79	437.7
Lak Kahel	—	—	—	—	66.1
Meitav Foreign Currency	347.29	346.43	-3.23	+25.16	15.6
Moriah Pekan $	—	—	—	—	20.9
Otzar Universe	—	—	—	—	22.4
Pekan Inbal Matach	206.84	206.84	-2.34	+22.28	620.5
Pia Chul	—	—	—	—	125.0
Pia Inbar	132.69	132.69	-2.31	+23.33	336.2
Pia Prime $	—	—	—	—	35.4
Pia Target $	—	—	—	—	133.4
Psagot Chul	—	—	—	—	69.0
Psagot Globe $	—	—	—	—	59.0
Psagot Israel Horizon	—	—	—	—	57.0
Psagot Matah	618.60	616.83	-1.25	+21.02	222.0
Reshef Pekan	—	—	—	—	57.3
Rosen Continental	—	—	—	—	14.0
Tsabar Pekan	393.59	386.58	-1.15	+24.39	27.6

MIXED

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Eitan Pekan	368.03	361.52	+1.25	+7.93	86.6
Emda Kolelet	236.06	233.69	+0.97	+5.52	63.9
Goren Pekan	807.64	805.28	+0.63	+12.18	177.2
Ilanot Barak	2968.18	2954.14	+3.29	+4.46	36.3
Ilanot Brosh	3437.32	3421.00	+2.85	+4.47	64.8
Ilanot Mixed	2947.81	2932.90	+4.38	+3.28	5.3
Lahak Tzofit	809.52	795.40	+1.51	+10.06	147.6
Mad Dikla	146.98	145.97	+0.96	+4.44	17.8
Pekan Shikit Meshulevet	90.36	90.36	-1.47	—	182.5
Pia	8753.84	8601.57	+2.60	+6.02	151.0
Pia Gavish	7445.67	7316.91	+1.13	+9.75	227.0
Psagot Mashulevet	748.43	735.22	+3.01	+4.86	72.0

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	486	0
Africa Israel 0.1	18430	-4
Africa Israel 1	178200	-1
Agis	2190	-2.7
Al Paper Mills	14900	-1.8
Al-Rov	1869	0
Azorim	3250	-1.8
Azorim Prop.	758	-8.3
Bank Leumi 0.1	563	-3.1
Baran	3200	-3
Bayside 1	45200	-0.4
Bayside 5	221000	0
Bezeq	1182	-3.4
Blue Square	5140	3.8
Bromine	2700	-1.5
Clal Electronics	56300	-3.9
Clal Industries	1884	-3.6
Clal Insurance	5400	-3.4
Clal Israel 1	8250	-4.9
Dan Hotels	889	0
Dankner	1850	-4.7
Darban	603	0
Dead Sea Works 0.1	916	-3.2
Delek 0.1	11370	0.3
Delek Car	598	-3.1
Delta 1	3570	-0.8
Development Mort	18820	-0.7
Discount Bank	359	-2.7
Discount Inv.	10310	-2.6
Elbit 0.003	1278	-1.5
Elbit Imaging	4180	-3.7
Elbit system	4340	-2.8
Elco Holdings	2030	-1
Elco Industries	3600	0
Electra	17760	-1.3
Electra App	2870	-2.7
Elite Ind. 1	2610	-3.7
Elite Ind. 5	13030	-2.2
Elron 0.003	6070	-1.8
FIBI 5	2760	-4.2
First Int'l 1	409	-2.6
First Int'l 5	1998	-4.9
First Int'l Mort	44000	0
Formula	10150	-2.3
General Bank	8680	-0.5
Granit Hacarmel	725	0
Hadarim Prop.	7840	-1.9
Ham-Let	1693	0
Hapoalim 0.1	782	-2.7
Harel Mishmar 1	3380	-2
Harel Mishmar 5	16570	-1.1
Home Center	5500	0
I.D.B. Dev.	8340	-3.7
I.D.B. Holdings	8270	-2.1
ILDC	1796	-4.9
Ind Bldgs	493	-4.3
Israel Chemicals	350	-1.1
Israel Corp. 1	31000	2.3
Isrotel	810	0
Jafora	740	0
JCT	29.9	0
JEC	1680	-2.2
Kitan	353	-2.8
Knafaim	4300	0
Koor	34600	-3.6
Leumi Insurance	219	-3.1
Leumi Mortgage	72700	0
Liraz	2500	-4.9
Ma'ariv	2390	0
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	866	-4.5
Maman	468	-1.5
Matav	3720	-2.9
Mehadrin	12500	-3.5
Mel Eden	1355	-1
Melisaron	1080	-1.8
Menorah Ins. 1	2100	0
Mishkan	61000	-1.8
Mizrahi	715	-3.4
NATSVA REGULAR	1440	0
Nice Systems	7690	-4.7
Orbit	807	0
Ormat Industries	480	-3.8
Osem Industries	1750	-2.1
Petrochemicals	2050	2
Phoenix Ins. 1	6160	0
Plasson	3970	0
Poalim Inv.	12700	-1.4
Point of Sale	2870	-4.3
Prop & Bldg	31700	-2.2
Salt Industries	1979	-1
Solel Bone	3730	-4.1
Supersol	943	-2.8
Tadiran	14870	-0.2
Takam	1760	-3.1
Tambour	524	-1.1
Tefahot	182000	0
Tempo	1550	0
Teva	17970	0.2
Wire and Cables	1166	-0.8
Ytong Industries	925	-3
Shikun u'Binui	266	-4.3

RETZEF
SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Abjac	1.8	-5.3
Abudi	38.9	0
Ace-Spade	66	10
Ackerstein Bond B	190	0
Ackerstein Ind.	465	0
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1519	-10
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8800	0
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	323500	0
Adler	121	0
Adsha	135.5	0
Adumim	297	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	99.8	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	58.5	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	141.9	0
Afsek Ind	1084	0
Agis Warrant 3	0	0
Agis Warrant 4	240	-4
Agish Int'l	349	0
Agn Investments	508	0
Al-Ben	125	0
Al-Ben Bond A	120	-7.7
Alba c2	99.7	-0.2
Alba w6	105	0
Alliance	579	-4.9
Aloni	260	0
Alony-Hetz	469	-1.3
Alony-Hetz Bond A	205	-6
Alrod	217	0
Alrod Warrant 1	3	0
Alrov Bond D	82	-0.6
Alrov Warrant 5	90	0
Alumir	260	0
Alumit	1930	0
Amigar	190	0
Amitec	181.5	0
Ammeli Warrant 1	68.9	0
Amnat	680	0
Ampa Investments	108000	0
Analyst EMS	638	0
Angel Trade	46.6	0
Angel Trade Bond A	157	0
Angel Trade Bond B	114.9	0
Angel Trade Bond C	65	0
Apcon	892	-3
Apcon warrant 1	200	-20
Appilcom	2500	-3.5
Aracell Warrant 2	459	0
Arad	1400	0
Arad Towels	1205	-5.1
Arazim	106	0
Arazim Bond 1	272	-0.4
Argaman	172	0
Ariadan	1390	0
Arpal	205	2.5
Aryt	98	-4.9
Ashkelon Plywood	450	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	267	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	161.5	0
Ashled	360	0
Ashled Bond A	170	0
Ashot	312	0
Ashot Bond A	174	0
Ashpaza	83	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	177.5	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	164.5	0.7
Ashtrom Ind.	550	0
Ashtrom Prop.	188.4	0
Astrom P Bond 1	97.5	0
Astrom p warrant a	20.9	0
Astrum Bond C	105.5	0
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atlion	94.9	0
Atmor	1199	0
ATX	207	0
ATX Bond A	166	0
Atzmon	164.7	0
Aura	4180	-6.9
Avarot	310	0
Avarot Bond A	173.5	0
Averbuch Formica	620	0
Aviv	359	0
Aviv Bond 1	164	4.5
Aviv Bond 2	96	2.1
Avner	4.9	-3.9
Avrot Bond 2	92.6	0
Avrot Warrant 2	39	-2.5
Ayalon	590	7.4
Azimuth	447	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	185	0
Azorim Warrant 3	420	-2.3
Azorim Warrant 5	106	0
Azorim Warrant A	400	-9.1
Azorim Warrant B	660	0
Badash Bond 1	31	9.9
[illegible]	308	0
Balentina 1	143.5	0
Balentine Bond A	135	0
Balron	3630	0
Bama'asef	950	0
Bama'asef Bond A	158.5	-0.3
Bar	340	0
Bar Bond A	138.3	0
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	830	0
Barkan	680	-2.6
Barzel	139.5	0
Bartal	170	0
Baumel Moshe	183.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	84.5	0
BaySide Warrant D	1600	-3
Beit Shemesh	1404	-3.5
Belmon	340	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	183.5	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	93.5	0
Ben Yakar Gat	4300	9.7
Berman	138	0
Bezek Bond 3	120.3	-2.8
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	266	-8.7
Bilu	1700	-19
Bilu Bond A	173.5	0
Binar	279	0
Bin	282	0
Boles Bond B	81.1	-1.2
boles gad warrant 1	45.9	0
Bonei Tichon	480	0
Bonjour	465	3.9
Boulous Brothers	142.2	-8.4
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD	396	0
Boulous GD Bond A	148	-0.3
Brand	84	0
Bril	52	-5.5
Brok Side	13.8	0
Brosh	129	0
Building Bank	1440	0
Building Restu.	3800	-0.8
C Holdings	459	0
C Holdings Bond 5	45	-3.8
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Canal	4000	-1.2
Capital	820	0
Capital Bond A	123	0
Caprice	374	0
Cargal	580	0
Carmel	573	0
Carmiel	505	0
Castro	500	0
Catalena 1	448	-8.9
CDI	140	0
Cemantecal Bond A	60	-4.8
Cementcal	244	-3.6
Centre	147.8	0
Centre Bond 1	149.7	0
Cham	459	0
Chayun Computers	177	0
Chemical	405	-14.2
Chem-Nir	339	0
CI Systems	135.5	0
Cidab	192	0
Clal Computers	6800	0
Clal Retail	46000	0
Cohen Bent	186	0
Cohen Dev.	177.3	0
Cohen MM	135	0
Cold Storage 1	1918	0
Cold Storage 5	9500	-1.5
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	0	0
Compr	150	0
Compl Warrant 1	9	0
Compulite	240	0
Comtech	400	-2.7
Comtrans	829	0
Contal	830	-3.6
Contractors	21800	0
Coral Beach	864	-8.5
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2620	0
Cyclone Bond 1	264	0
Cyclone Bond 2	180	0
Dalron	1601	0
Dalron Bond 1	274	0
Dalin	1.3	-7.1
Dan Rent-A-Car	810	1.4
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	165	0
Danbar 1	4940	0
Danbar 5	10940	0
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	5390	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	173.2	-0.5
Danbar Tech.	5400	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	168	0
Danel	54	9.1
Danel Bond A	93.5	0
Danel Personnel	1870	-3.6
Danel Warrant 2	100	-49.7
Dankner Bond 1	222	0
Dankner Bond 2	144.3	0
Dankner Bond 3	93.9	-0.1
Dankner Warrant C	467	0
Danly	535	0
Darad	113	0
DARBAN BOND 2	100	-0.5
Darban Bond A	266	0
Darban Warrant 3	63	0
Darea	150	-0.7
Darion	300	0
Dash Investment	827	10
Data	616	0
Decason Systems	274	0
Degem Systems	400	-5.7
Delek Drilings	16	0
Delek Oil	1400	0
Destiny	775	0
Digal	350	9.4
Dirom1	1220	0
Dolev	291	-2
Dolev Bond A	142.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	20	-7
Domicar	550	0
Domicar Bond	153	0
Dor Berger	319	0
Dor Chim	388	0
Dor Energy	1130	-6.7
Dorc w1	40.9	0
Dorea	46	0
Dorf c1	103.9	0
Dori Engineering	459	9.8
Dori Engineering Bond A	139	0
Dovrat Bond A	151	0
Dovrat Shrem	1190	-1.8
DSL	799	0
Dubek M	3.7	0
Dubek S.	3.7	0
Dunitz	225	0
DYG Industries	440	0
E & M Computing	1174	0
Edgar Albani	37	8.8
Edgar Industries	190	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	89.7	-0.7
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	16	-15.8
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Eml	135	0
Etam	369	0
Eltoraan	2610	-1.5
El Bad	2260	7.6
El Canit	435	0
El Canit Bond 1	175	0
Elad	433	-3.6
Elad Bond A	191.2	0
Elad Bond B	150	-0.7
Elad c3	70.5	-2.1
Elad w5	28.9	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	136.6	0.4
Eldan Tech.	195	0
Electronics Line	534	0
Elgar	5850	0
Elisach Ind.	634	0
Elkam	327	9.4
Ella	340	0
Ella Bond A	143	0
Elran	4100	-1.4
Emek	119	0
Emyle	800	0
Engel Const.	603	0
ESE	1839	8.5
Eshed Robotech	200	0
Even	351	0
Evergreen	3350	0
Evrols Warrant 1	1650	0
Excelence	1578	0
Export Inv.	770	0
Extra	70	-6.7
Feldman	81	0
Feldman Bond A	180	0
Feldman Ind.	250	0
Feldman Warrant 3	3	0
Feuchtwanger 1	8490	0
Feuchtwanger 5	39600	-2
Fidalti	2420	0
Five J Jewelers	371	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	148	0
Formica Source	110	0
Frutarom	379	-1.3
Gahelet	11640	-3
Galcom	158.3	0
Galran	970	-9.1
Gama	155.7	0
Gamatronic	699	0
Gambit	3150	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	115	0
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	436	0
Gan Shmuel	1321	-2.3
Ganei Hadar	490	0
Gap Development	141	2.5
Gap Holdings	192	0
Gap Warrant 2	5.9	0
Gazit	650	0
Gazit Bond C	137.6	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	89	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	811	0
Gibor Warrant 2	87	0
Gilboa	72	0
Gilo	189	0
Gitsak	1540	-1.2
Givot Olam Oil	120	0
Glob Rit	775	0
Golan	401	0
Gold	225	0.9
Golden House	479	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Golex	206	0
Granit Bond	161	-0.1
Granit Bond 2	161	1.3
Green Software	163.3	0
Greenberg	1160	-0.9
H. Electronics	49.2	0
H. Mer	663	-0.6
Habas	9480	0
Habas Bond 1	152	0
Hadar 1	21500	-2.3
Hadar 5	75900	0
Hadar Ins. 1	670	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3800	0
Hadarim Bond1.	124	0
Hadarim Warrant1	985	-10
Hagal	365	0
Hagal Bond B	163	0.6
Hamakor	325	0
Harel	8	3.9
Hasin Esh	750	0
Hason	285	0
Hatehof 1	215	0
Hatehof Bond A	145.2	0
Hayal	1200	15.2
Hayal Bond2	159	0
Hayal Warrant 1	77	0
Had Arzi Music	290	-9.9
Hiron 1	9900	0
Hiron 5	39500	0
HL Service Bond 2	197.9	0
HL Service Bond 3	156.5	0
HL Services	1650	0
Hod	118	4.4
Hof	850	0
HoR	159.9	-5
Hydrofics	87.7	0
IES Industries	275	1.8
IES Warrant 1	37.5	0
Ilan Gat	118	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	162	0
ILDC Bond 6	269	0
ILDC Hotels	400	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	184.9	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	74	2.8
ILDC Insurance	370	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	145	0.7
Imco	967	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	19.5	0
Ind Bldgs R1	4.5	2.3
Ind.Dev.Bank C	353	1.1
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3250	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3360	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1450	0.7
Independence Mort	74900	0
Intercosma	780	0
Intergamma 1	2600	0
Intergamma 5	12000	0
Invertech	550	0
Iscal	1434	0
Ispro	4580	0
Isracolor	379	0
Israel Corp. 5	141300	2
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	163	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	191.1	-0.2
Isralom	991	0
Isralom Bond C	88.3	-0.8
Isramco	3	0
Isras 1	6780	0
Isras 5	29300	0
Isras Bond A	275	0
ISTA LINES	2380	0
Itay	1988	7.3
Itay Bond 1	78.5	1.2
Itay Warrant 1	396	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	167.2	10
Jaysour Bond A	120.8	0
JEC Bond B	99.8	0.5
Jerusalem Mort	180.5	-0.8
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	175	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	80	6.7
JOEL Bond 1A	240	0
JOEL Bond 2	139.9	0
JOEL Bond A	240	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.5	0
Kadmani	110	0
Kadoun	705	0
kafrica bond b	93	2
kafrica warrant 1	81	0
Kafrit	1250	0
Kalkalit Bond A	93.3	0.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	193	0
Kamour	429	0
Kamour Bond G	143.2	0
Kameaol	1049	-5.5
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30	0
Kanicol Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	450	0
Kardan 5	2210	-1.8
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3740	0
Kentex	455	0
Kesher	875	0
Kesher Bond A	158	0
Keter	700	0
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	55.8	0
King	268	0
Kinneret	169	0
Kisch Kirur	165	0
Kishrei Teufa	1050	0
Kital	220	0
Kital Bond A	187.5	1.5
Kital Bond A	113.5	0
Kill Ind. 5	7990	0
Koor Bond 5	144.5	0
Kopel	263	0
Kopel Bond 1	275	0
La Nationale Bond A	152.9	0
La Nationale Pref	115	0
Lachish	1795	5.6
Lemont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	73	0
Lasers	433	0
Laview	600	0
Laznick Bldg	408	-3.1
Laznick Comm Ctrs.	155.3	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	134	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	285	-1.7
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	144.1	0.7
Leader	930	0
Lego	401	-1
Leumi Warrant 5	40.4	-8
Leventhal	660	0
Levi	519	-0.2
Levi Bond A	141.2	-0.6
Levi Bond B	92	0
Levi Warrant 2	40	0
Levinstein Bond A	93.3	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	630	0
Levinstein	1449	0
Liber	319	0
Lidan	1460	0
Lilshir 1	127.9	-5.2
Lilshir 5	475	0
Ligad	375	0
Ligad Bond 1	150	0
Lighterage 1	620	0
LIMS	273	5
Lipman	2700	-0.7
Lipski	3430	0
Lipski Bond A	182	0
Liraz Bond A	142	0.4
Lodan	81	4.5
Lodzia 1	1255	0
Lodzia 4	5200	0
Luhot Gali	22.7	0
Luhot Gali Bond 1	152	1
Lumir	2870	0
Ma'ariv Bond A	138	0
Maabarot	1050	-4.5
Macpell	600	-3.2
Macpell Bond A	144	0.7
Macpell Bond B	136	0
Macpell Bond C	80.5	0
Macpell Warrant 3	41	0
Mafil	430	-4.4
Magam	134	0
Magam Bond A	173.1	0
Magam Bond B	140	0
Magav	162	-6.9
Magma	253	0
Magor 1	1880	0
Magor 5	8500	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	65	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	379	0
Malal	270	0
Mall	66	0
Malta	480	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	239	0
Mantur	26	0
Marathon	87	0
Marathon insured	101.9	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	174.6	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	155.6	0.1
Maritime Bank	1449	0.9
Maritime Bank Bond B	154.5	-0.3
Mashav	1030	0
Mashbir	563	0
Mashov	352	-3.6
Mashov	46.1	-28.1
Matam	1318	-0.1
Matav Warrant 1	1050	0
Maxima 1	400	0
Maxima 5	1442	0
Mazpak	651	3.3
Med. Hotels	68	0
Meditechnica	549	1.3
Meditechnica Bond A	146.5	0
Meditechnica Bond B	87	2.4
Meditechnica Warrant 2	59.9	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	70.8	0
Megason	57.5	0
Memad	530	0
Meir Ezra	1730	4.1
Meir Ezra Bond B	272	0
Melet	266	0
Melisaron Bond B	92.8	-1.3
Melisaron Warrant 3	35	0
Mendelson	216	0
Menolim	29	-8.2
Menorah Ins. 5	7500	0
Mercazit	627	0
Merhav	145	-2.7
Meytavit	185	0
Middle East Tube	240	-4
Middle East Tube Bond A	117.5	-0.4
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	9	0
Millmor Bond A	149.5	0
Millomar Bond B	78	0
Millomar Warrant 2	84	0
Milomor	1503	-1.8
Mimsar	107	0
Mini Life	808	0
Minrav	13700	0
Mirage	216	0
Mirage Bond A	140	-2.1
Miromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	153.2	0
Mishor Habof	303	-8.2
Miterani	195	0
Mivtach Shamir	2100	0
Mivtach Shamir	1230	0
Mizrahi Inv.	7370	5.3
Mizrahi warrant 1	101.1	-18.8
Mizrahi warrant 2	73	-7.5
MM Engineering	106.8	0
MM Engineering Bond A	83.5	0
Modgal	750	0
Modfin	1.7	0
Moffet	187	-3.3
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	258	0
Molett	948	0
More Plastic Ind.	278	0
Moshkovitz	132	-9.6
MTI Computers	380	0
Mul-T-Lock	800	-2.6
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	42.5	1.4
Naphtha	30.4	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	31	0
Natour	550	0
NATSVA BOND A	110.2	0
Navigator	231	0
Navigator Property	830	-2.4
Nechushtan Bond B	69	-6
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	141	-1.5
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	189	0
Nehushtan 1	558	0
Nehushtan 5	2560	0
Neot Aviv	8900	0
Nesua	390	0
Neve Arbel	146	0
Nevim Hotels	364	0
Neviot	802	0
Nie	200	0
Nikuv	731	0
Nisco	2090	-4.1
Nissan	230	-8.7
NMC	210	-2.3
Noga	1290	0
Noga Insorens	56	-1.1
Nordan	12.2	0
Nordan Tech.	400	0
Norfolk	609	0
Norfolk Bond A	155.5	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	1100	0
Oceans	248	0
Ocif	7450	0
Ocif Bond A	193	1
Ocif Bond C	93.8	0
Ocif Warrant 2	520	6.1
Octova	450	0
Oisk	206	0
Ofer Bro	5810	0
Offis	1057	0
Ogden	61	0
Ohalav	450	0
Oil Fields	1.3	0
Oli-Dok	248	0
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	190	0
Ophir	394	-2.6
Ophir Tours	504	-8.7
Oppenheimer	98	0
Optima	132	0
Orasys	3550	0
Orazit	500	0
Orazit Bond A	170	0
Orda	2960	0
Orda Bond 1	184.5	0
Orev	600	0
Oriell	113	0
Orlite	328	2.8
Orlite Bond A	95.5	0
Orlite Warrant 2	44.7	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	135	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	55	0
Ortal	309	-0.3
Otzar Hashilton	25000	0
Oz	212	0
Oz side	331	0
Packer Steel	5230	4
Paltough	621	-1.3
PAM	351	-4.5
Parna	590	-9.9
Parnas	1854	-7.8
Pan Dor	265	0
Pardes	700	0
Pardes Bond A	52	-3.5
Passport	1800	0
Paz Chen	385	0
PCB	1137	-0.3
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Pereg	114	-2.7
Periclass	851	-4.9
Phoenix Ins. 5	25000	0
Pica Plast	350	0
Pilat	122	0
Pinros	125	-0.8
Pinros Bond A	148.1	0.7
Pittul	400	0
Plasson bond a	100	-2.9
Plasson warrant 1	286	1.4
Plasto Sac	590	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	93.9	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	65	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	97.4	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2180	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	142.6	-0.3
Polak	294	0
Polgat A	315	-4.3
Polgat B 4	1245	-3.9
Polygon	148	0
Polygon Bond 2	218	0
Poraz	185	0
Port	103	0
Poseidon	102.6	4.5
Pri Haemek	15	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	42.5	7.1
Pritzker	216	0
Pritzker Bond A	151	0
Profit	390	0
Profit Bond A	135.7	0
Python	472	0
Quality Cap Mkts	381	0
Rabintex	229	4.6
Ram Zur	71	0
Ramgor 1	220	0
Ramgor 4	600	0
Rapak	2590	7.9
Rapak Bond A	169	0
Rassco	1380	0.4
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	93	0
Ravad	196	0
RDC	1069	0
RDC Bond A	154.5	0
Red Sea Hotels	605	-5.5
Regency	106.7	0
Regency Bond 1	130.6	-1.1
Regent	450	0
Regent Bond A	149	-0.8
Rekah	419	-2.1
Reshef	60	0
Reshef Bond B	119.9	0.8
Rimoni	825	0
Rogosin	1129	0.9
Rogozin Bond A	76	1.3
Rogozin Warrant B	245	80.1
Romtech	430	0
Rosebud	70	-3.2
Rosental	112	0
Rotem	271	-5.2
Rotshtein	140	0
Rotshtein Bond A	142	3.7
RSL	735	-2.6
Sadot Mop Bond A	104.1	-0.1
Sagle Prop. Bond 1	25	-11.3
Sahar Bond a	97.5	0
Sahar Dev.	2650	0
Sahar Securities	550	0
Sahar Warrant 1	265	0
Sanlacol	350	1.4
Sano 1	2800	0
Sano 5	13600	0
Scope	1392	0
Scope Bond A	97.5	0
Scope Warrant 2	106	0
Sea Trade	566	0
Secom	251	0
Securitas	745	0
Securitas Bond A	187.8	0.1
Selen	1000	0
Serafon	397	0
Shaked	328	0
Shamir	247	0
Shatiyah	1010	10.7
Shel	212	9.6
Shekel	153	0
Shekel Bond A	159.9	0
Shekem	67	2.1
Shekem Bond 1	157.5	0
Shaleg	67.2	0
Shem Tov	305	0
Shemen	11320	0.2
Shiledot	52	0
Shlomo Angel	5580	0
Shmi c2	85.4	0
Shmi w2	187	0
Shmira	750	0
Shmira Bond A	158.2	0
Shniv	582	0
Shrang	112	0
Shulamit	387	0
Shulamit Bond A	153.3	0
Sinai	550	0
Sinai Bond A	153.3	-0.1
Solel Bone Bond A	109.6	0.2
Soll BoneR1	116	-3.3
Solog	750	12.4
Solomon	524	0
solomon bond a	79.4	-0.7
Solomon Holdings	439	0
solomon warrant 2	67	0
South Pipe	384	0
Spancrit	194.4	-10
Spectronix 1	1215	0
STG	1171	0
STG Bond A	119.5	0.2
Sunfrost	4740	0
Suny Electronics	564	0
Synopsis	210	0
Synopsis Bond A	156.1	0
Syntec	333	0
Ta'al	153.9	-10
Tachof Bond B	84	0
Tachof Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	215	3.4
Tadiran Appl	533	0
Tal	143	10
Tal Bond A	60.6	-10
TAP Bond 1	294	2.4
Tashloz bond a	123.2	-0.4
Tashloz warrant 2	190	1.1
Tashluz	1072	-0.3
Tashluz Bond A	172.2	0.1
Tashluz Bond B	138.2	0
Tashluz Prop.	960	-3
Taste of Israel	168	0
TAT 1	370	0
TAT 5	1204	-2
TAT Bond A	271	0
Taya	880	7.8
Taya Comm. 1	280	0
Team Computers	4900	0
Technoplast	642	-1.1
Tedea	1389	7.6
Tedea Bond A	110.7	-2
Tedea Warrant 1	270	0
Tefahot Preferred	174000	0
Tefen	1080	-1.8
Teldor	562	0
Telsis	1360	4.9
Telsis Warrant 1	313	0
Tene	198.9	0
Tauza	219	2.3
Tauza insured	207	-6.8
Tibon Veal	135	0
Tim Warrant 3	600	0
Tiv	363	-10.3
TMM	185.1	0
Tobias	3610	34.7
Tom	845	9.3
Topline	590	0
Topline Bond 2	166	0
Topper	32.9	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Total Compounds	320	0
Trade	392	0
Trade Bond A	209	0
Trend Line	1645	0
Trocadero	35	0
Trydkal	370	0
Tsabar	214	19.6
Tsarfati	609	1.5
Tsarfati Bond A	158	0
Tsur	165	-2.6
Tsur Bond A	258	0
Tsur Bond B	123.5	0
Tsur Bond C	102.5	-0.5
Tsur Preferred	167	0
Tuflenauer	960	0
Tzmicha	601	27.9
Tzmicha Bond A	167	0
Ulisid	38	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3700	0
Unicom 1	55	0
Unicom Bond 1	260	0
Unidress	2380	19
United Steel	184	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	198.6	0
Univercol	390	0
Urdan	259	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	140	0
Uropa Israel	2980	8.4
Vardinon	18700	0
Vardinon Bond A	160.1	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	152.3	0
Videomatrix	28.7	0
Vilar	450	0
Vilar Bond 1	180.2	0.8
Vill Food	1384	2.5
Villiger Bond A	148.5	0
Vitalgo	350	0
Vitalgo Bond A	134	3.1
Vulcan	500	0
Vulcan Bond 1	254	0
Willi Bond A	93	0
Willi Warrant 1	298	0
Woolman 1	518	0
Woolman 5	2110	-6.6
Woolison	64200	0
Ya'ana	585	0
Yaacobi	127	0
Yaad Bond A	178.6	0.1
Yaad Bond B	85.4	0.5
Yaad Industries	306	10
Yaad Warrant 3	38	0
Yad	490	0
Yami	185	0
Yarden	475	-3.1
Yarden Bond 2	141	0.7
YDPZ	270	0
YDPZ Bond A	155	0
Yeda	1700	0
Yehuda	209	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhsal	1412	-4.6
Yhshal Warrant 1	300	-2
Yona Bond A	157	-0.6
Yona Hotels	190	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	135	-10
Zahir	585	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	90.5	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	39	18.2
Zat	109.8	0
Zehavi	129.6	0
Zeller Ablagon	417	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	152.1	0.1
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	127	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	66.5	0.6
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	3.8	0
Zika 1	594	0
Zika 5	3350	0
Zikit 1	6600	0
Zikit 5	28800	0
Zinometal	550	0
Zion Cables 1	240	-4
Zion Holdings	14720	0
Zion Textiles	180.5	0
Ziv	276	0
Zohar	330	0
Zoko	289	0

*In local currencies

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AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	35.25	0
Ampal American Israel	4.125	-0.125
Carmel Container Sys	6	+0.25
Electro Chemical Ind	0.625	0
Emultek	1.5625	-0.0625
Etz Lavud	6.625	-0.125
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.5	0
Integrated Technology	1.5625	-0.0625

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	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.375	-0.125
Accent Software	0.1875	+0
A.G. Associates	4.1875	-0.6875
Aladdin	7.25	+0.1875
Ampal	10.75	+0.25
Arel Commun & Software	4.6875	+0.125
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.40625	+0.21875
Better Online Solutions	6	-0.125
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.1875	-0.03125
Bio Technology General	6.875	+0.125
B.V.R. Technologies	3	-0.0625
Checkpoint Software	31.4375	-1
Cimatron	1.875	+0
Comverse Technology	58	+0.5
Crystal Systems Solutions	12.4375	+0.6875
D.S.P.G. Group	19.3125	-1.125
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.6875	-0.1875
Data Systems Software	2.96875	-0.03125
ECI Telecom	36.25	+0.5
Edusoft	7.25	+0.25
Electric Fuel	3.1875	-0.0625
Electronics for Imaging	27.25	+0.4375
Elbit Computers	2.9375	-0.09375
Elron Electronics ord	14.875	+0.625
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	-	-
Elbit Medical Imaging	9.8125	-0.3125
Elbit Systems Ltd	11.6875	-0.125
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.25	0
Engel General Developers	3.75	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	10.75	+0.25
Elbit Vision Systems	1.5625	+0.125
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.40625	-0.09375
Formula Systems (1985)	25.6875	+0.6875
Forsoft Ltd	10.0625	+0.1875
Fundtech	16.75	-0.25
Galileo	16.375	-0.125
G.Willi-Food	1.5	-0.25
Gilat Comm Ltd	8.125	-0.1875
Gilat Satellite Networks	52	+1.125
Genesis Bnia	3.875	+0.09375
Healthcare Technologies	1.125	0
Home Center	9.9375	-0.0625
I.C.T.S.	4.875	-0.0625
IIC Industries	9.125	0
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.375	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	13	0
Indigo	3.75	+0.21875
ISG Intl Software Group	7.6875	-0.1875
Isramco	2.75	+0
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	1.375	-0.125
Logal	0.625	+0
Level 8 Systems	7.125	+0
M-Systems Flash Disk	5.25	+0.1875
Madge	4.96875	+0.09375
Magal Security Systems	1.96875	+0
Matav	17.4375	+0.0625
Medis El	7.75	-0.125
Memco	12.75	-0.5
Mer Telemanagement	1.6875	+0
Mercury	45.625	-0.25
Magic Software Enterprises	3.5	-0.0625
Netmanage	2.6875	-0.3125
New Dimension Software	31.125	-2.125
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	3.375	+0.25
Nice Systems	18.5625	-0.25
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.34375	-0.03125
Noga Electro Mechanical	0.96875	-0.03125
Nur Tecnology	2.5625	+0
Opti Systems Solutions	7.5	-0.375
Optomedics Medical Tech	2.25	-0.5
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.5	+0
Orbit/FR Inc.	2.875	+0
Orbotech	37.25	-1.375
Orckit	16	-0.25
Oshap Technologies	6.4375	+0.125
Paradigm Geophys	4.875	0
Pharmos	1.78125	-0.03125
Point of Sale	5.9375	-0.0625
Rada Electronics Ind	1.125	-0.0625
Radcom Ltd	2.375	+0
RIT Technologies	1.75	+0.0625
RSL Communications	22.875	+0.375
Scitex Corporations	10.6875	-0.1875
Silicom	2.28125	-0.46875
Summit Design	8.1875	-0.1875
Sapiens International	8	+0.25
Scanvec	2.625	0
Tadiran Telecomm	19.5	-0.0625
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	4.75	-0.4375
Tat Technologies	1.375	0
Technomatix Technologies	13	-0.625
Teva	43.5625	+0.0625
Top Image Systems	2.8125	0
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.25	0
Teledata Communications	-	-
Tower Semiconductor	9.75	+0.375
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	6.625	-0.1875
TTR Inc	-	-
TVG Technologies	0.46875	+0
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.3125	+0
TVG Tech C	0.21875	+0
Vocaltec	12.0625	-0.5625
Wiz Tec Solutions	12.625	-0.375
Zoran Corporation	12.5	-0.375

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	15.125	-0.25
Blue Square	11	-1.1875
D.S.P. Communications	14.4375	-0.5
Elscint	10.6875	+0.0625
First Israel Fund	12.3125	0
PEC Israel Economic Corp	24.0625	0
Koor	17	+0
Simula Inc	7	-0.1875
Super-Sol Ltd	11.4375	-0.125
Tadiran	35.875	+0.0625
Tefron Ltd	13.875	+0.125

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	173	+0
Dmatek Ltd	32.5	-1.5
Pilat	11.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	51.375	-0.8125
AMP Inc	47.875	-0.5
AMR Corp	67.875	+1.9375
ASA	19.25	+0.125
Abbott Labs	47.875	-0.125
Advanced Micro	29.1875	+1.5
Aetna Life	78.625	+1.3125
Affiliated Publ	18.5	+0.125
Aflac	37.5	+0.625
Ahmanson (HF)	-	-
Air Prods	38	-0.125
Alberto-Culv B	25.625	+0
Albertson's	59.6875	+2.625
Alcan Aluminum	27.1875	+0.5625
Allied Signal	44	+0
Alcoa	73	-1.25
Amax	-	-
Amazon	209.5	+17.5
Amerada Hess	53.3125	-2.1875
Amer Brands	20.9375	-1.3125
Amer El Power	46.9375	+0.5625
Amer Express	98.375	-0.6875
Amer Genl Corp	71.25	+0.8125
Amer Greeting	42.0625	-0.25
Amer Home Pr	52.75	-0.625
Amer Int'l	94.0625	+0.0625
Amer Natl Ins	89.1875	-0.5625
Amer Power Conv	40.25	-1.125
Amer Stores	34.6875	+1.125
Amer T & T	62.125	-0.0625
Amer West Hldg	15.125	+1
Ameritech	54	-0.125
Ametek Inc	21	+0.25
Amgen	76.625	+1.375
Amoco	57.5	-1.25
Analog Devices	21	+0.5625
Andrew Corp	16.1875	+0.1875
Anheuser-Busch	61.9375	+1.3125
Aon Corp	57.9375	+0.3125
Apple Computer	34.125	+2.1875
Applied Magnetics	8.5	+1.0625
Applied Materials	39.4375	+0.6875
Archer Daniels	18.1875	-0.1875
Armco	3.9375	+0
Armstrong World	66.375	-0.25
Asarco	19.1875	-0.1875
Ascend	58	+1.8125
Ashland Coal	19.5	+0.3125
Ashland Oil	46.4375	-0.1875
Atlantic Energy	23.3125	+0.3125
Atlantic Richfld	67.125	+0.625
Auto Data Pro	77.125	+0.125
Autodesk	37.75	+1.375
Avery Dennison	47.6875	-0.25
Avnet Inc	58.3125	+0.125
Avon Products	39.5	-1.125
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Bairnco Corp	7	-0.125
Baker Hughes	17.75	-0.5625
Ball Corp	42.4375	-0.3125
Baltimore Gas	31.125	+0.4375
Banc One Corp	51.625	+0.125
Bandag	35.25	-0.125
BankAmerica	65.125	-0.0625
Bank of Boston	42.25	+0.625
Bank of New Yk	35.3125	+0.75
Bankers Trst NY	88.5625	-0.4375
Barnes & Noble	31.875	-1.25
Battle Mount Gd	4.75	+0.0625
Bausch & Lomb	55.25	-0.25
Baxter Intl	66	+2.4375
Bay Network	-	-
Becton Dickinson	44.0625	+1.5625
Bed Bath & Bynd	30.3125	-0.875
Bell Atlantic	55.25	-0.375
Bell Industries	10.3125	-0.125
BellSouth	88.125	+0.875
HA Belo Corp	19.4375	+0.5625
Beneficial Corp	22.125	-0.625
Bethlehem Steel	8.0625	-0.1875
Beverly Entprs	6	+0.25
Biomet	38.5625	+0.3125
Black & Decker	53.9375	-0.25
Boeing	40.375	-0.25
Boise Cascade	31	-0.6875
Bowater Inc	38.9375	-0.625
Briggs & Strtn	50.5625	+0.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	124.938	+2.9375
Brit Airws ADR	68.6875	-0.9375
Brit Steel ADR	16.75	-0.375
Brit Telecom	134.438	-3.875
Brown Group	18.125	+0.1875
Brown & Sharpe	8.75	+0.125
Browning Ferris	30.25	+0.75
Brunswick	21.8125	-0.1875
Burlington Nthn	33.6875	-0.3125
Burlington Res	34.5	-1.1875
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CBS Inc	31.6875	+1.875
CKS Group	31.875	-1.625
CMS Energy Corp	49.125	+0.375
CSX Corporation	41.875	+0.1875
Cabot Corp	30	-0.125
Campbell Soup	57.25	+0.125
Canadian Pac	22.125	+0.0625
Capital Cts ABC	54.625	+0.375
Capstead	3.125	-0.1875
Caremark Corp	27.875	-0.125
Carnival Corp	35.5625	+1.0625
Carolina Pwr Lt	46.375	+0
Carpenter Tech	35.4375	+0.125
Caterpillar	51.9375	+2.5
Centex Corp	36.1875	+0.5
Central & SW	27.75	+0.25
Ceridian	66.3125	+1.25
Champion Intl	40.8125	-0.75
Chrmg Shoppes	4.1875	+0.0625
Chase Manhattan	62.125	-1.3125
Chevron Corp	81.9375	-1.6875
Chiquita Brands	11	-0.25
Cholestec	3.90625	-0.21875
Chrysler	-	-
Chubb Corp	71.125	+1.0625
Cisco	79.75	+4.375
Citicorp	50	-0.25
Clevld Cliffs	38	-0.0625
Clorox	111.938	+0.875
Coastal Corp	34.9375	-0.125
Coca Cola	70	-0.0625
Coca Cola Ent	37.4375	-0.4375
Colgate Palmolv	84.75	-0.875
Comcast Corp A	50.5625	+2.1875
Compaq	34.3125	+1.8125
Computer Ass Int	45.125	+0.875
Computer Sci	57.8125	+0.6875
Conagra	32	+0.5625
Cons Edison	50.875	+0.0625
Cons Freightways	34.125	-1.5625
Cons Nat Gas	54.125	-0.1875
Cooper Inds	49.0625	-0.0625
Coors (Adolph)	51.375	+1.625
Corning Inc	40.5	+0.375
Crane	31.625	-0.6875
Crompton Knowles	18.375	-0.875
Crown Cork Seal	33.25	-0.5
Cummins Engine	37.8125	+0.6875
Curtiss-Wright	37.375	+0
Cypress Semicon	10.3125	+0.125
Cypress Mineral	11.1875	-0.1875
Cytec Indust	21.4375	-1.125
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DOE	41.3125	+0.25
Dallas Semi	37.125	-0.625
Dana Corp	38.5625	-0.4375
Data General	19.3125	+1.1875
Dayton Hudson	45.1875	+0.1875
De Beers	15.0625	+0.125
Deere	34.4375	-0.5
Dell Computers	64.8125	+4
Delta Air Lines	55.5	+1.8125
Deluxe Corp	34.75	+0
Detroit Edison	44	+0.375
Dial Corp Del	26.25	+0
Diebold Inc	35.0625	+0.6875
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	33.3125	-1.0625
Disney (Walt)	31.5625	-0.625
Dominion Res	46.1875	+0
Donelley (RR)	42.3125	-0.125
Dover Corp	35.8125	+0.1875
Dow Chemicals	94.875	-2.5
Dow Jones	47.625	-0.1875
Dresser	-	-
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	62.5	-0.0625
Dun & Bradst	29.5	-0.6875
Du Pont	57.875	-1
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E G & G Corp	28.6875	+0.75
Eastern Ents	40.3125	-0.25
Eastman Kodak	72.875	+0.25
Eaton Corp	69.1875	+0.875
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	25.1875	-0.3125
Emerson Elec	65.125	+0.125
Engelhard Corp	19.5625	+0.25
Enron Corp	52.6875	+0.1875
Entergy Corp	30	+0.6875
Enzo Biochem	12.875	-0.3125
Equifax Inc	40.5	-1
Ericsson	27.8125	+0.1875
Ethyl Corp	5.75	-0.0625
Exide Corp	17.0625	-0.375
Exxon	71.75	-3.25
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FMC Corp	57.3125	-0.8125
FPL Group	63.125	+1.875
Fedders Corp	5.5625	+0
Federal Express	68.375	+1.5
Federal Mogul	58.5	+1.75
Fed Nat Mtge	72.25	-0.5
First Chicago	-	-
First Union	61	+0.25
Fruit of the Loom	16.6875	+1.9375
Fst Union Rlty	5.6875	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	41.625	+0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	33.9375	+0.25
Fleming Cos Ok	10.75	+0.6875
Florida Prog	43.3125	+0.5625
Fluor Corp	41.0625	-1.75
Food Lion Inc	9.4375	-0.25
Ford Motor	58.125	+3.0625
Fortune Brands	34.875	+0.8125
Foster Wheeler	16.9375	-0.1875
Furniture Brands	25.9375	+0.5
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Galoob Toys	-	-
Gateway 2000	56.6875	+0.5625
GATX Corp	37.5	-0.3125
GTE Corp	63.125	+1.3125
Gannett	64	-0.5625
Gap Inc Del	52.125	+3
Gencorp	24.1875	-0.4375
Gen Am Invest	30.0625	-0.25
Gen Dynamics	59.5625	+1.3125
Gen Electric	91.3125	+0.9375
Gen Mills	76.0625	+0.5625
Gen Motors	71.75	+1.875
Gen Motors H	39.1875	+1.25
Gen Public Ud	44	+0.1875
Gen Reinsurnce	234.5	+1
Gen Signal	-	-
Gen DataComm	3.625	+0
Genuine Parts	33.75	+0.8125
Georgia Pac	58.3125	-0.4375
Germany Fund	14.375	+0
Gillette	43.9375	-2
Glaxo ADR	62.5	-1
Golden W Finl	92.75	-1.9375
Goodrich (BF)	37.6875	-0.25
Goodyear Tire	57.1875	+0.4375
Grace (W&R)	16.5	-0.0625
Grainger (WW)	43.25	+1
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27.375	+0.0625
Grt Central Mine	2.25	+0.125
Gulf Canada Res	2.9375	-0.1875
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Halliburton	27.625	-1.75
Hanna (MA)	14.125	+0.0625
Harcourt	50.875	-0.875
Harley Davidson	42.4375	+0.5
Harnischfeger	9.9375	-0.0625
Harrah's Ent	15.4375	-0.125
Harris Corp	38	+0.0625
Harsco Corp	32.3125	-0.0625
Hartmax	6.125	+0.25
Hasbro	37.375	+2.125
HBO & Co	25.3125	+0.375
Health Care Ppt	31	-0.5625
Hecla Mining	4.125	-0.0625
Heinz (HJ)	58.125	-0.1875
Helix Technol	12.0625	-0.1875
Hmrch & Payne	17.25	+0
Hercules	33.3125	+0.4375
Hershey Foods	67.625	+0.375
Hewlett Packard	62.1875	-0.375
Hilton Hotels	21.625	-0.125
Hirsch Int	3.375	+0.125
Hollinger	13.0625	+0.125
Home Depot	50.8125	+1.125
Homestake	10.9375	+0.125
Honeywell	78.5625	-1.375
Hormel (Geo)	30	+0.4375
Household Intl	37.875	-1.25
Houston Inds	32.5625	+0.9375
Humana	20.0625	+0.25
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IBM	170	+4.875
Illinova Corp	27.4375	+0.375
Illinois Tool	64.3125	+0.75
INCO	11.875	+0.25
Ind Comm Bank	14.0625	-0.0625
Ingersoll Rand	46.25	-0.625
Inland Steel	18	-0.3125
Intel Corp	115	+7.375
Intergraph	6.5	+0
Interlake	8.4375	+0
Intl Flav & Fr	42.4375	+0.5625
Intl Multifoods	25.4375	+0
Intl Paper	44.1875	+0.75
Interpublic	68.8125	-1.9375
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Jefferson Pilt	68.5625	+0.3125
Johnson & J	81.125	-0.125
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K Mart	15.25	+0
Kaiser Alum	6.5	-0.0625
Kellogg	37.3125	+0.6875
KLA Instruments	35.625	+1.5625
Kennametal	20.5	-0.875
Kerr-McGee	39.875	+0.375
KeyCorp	31.3125	+0.625
Kimberly-Clark	53	+0.375
King World Prod	27.875	+0.625
Knight Ridder	51.125	-0.3125
Kroger	54.4375	+1.375
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LSI Logic	16	+0.375
Legget & Platt	22.625	-0.0625
Leucadia Natl	30.6875	+0.4375
Lilly (Eli)	90.25	+0.5625
Limited Inc	28.75	-0.1875
Linear Technol	70.8125	+0.75
Lincoln Nat	83.8125	+0.125
Litton	61.125	-0.0625
Liz Claiborne	34	+0.125
Lockheed Corp	108.375	+2.625
Loews Corp	100.375	+0.375
Lone Star	75	-0.6875
Longs Drug Strs	35.1875	-0.4375
Loral Corp	18	-0.375
Louisiana Pacif	16.75	-0.25
Lowe's Co Inc	42.75	+0.5
Lucent Tech	88.5	+2.4375
Lubrizol	27.0625	-0.0625
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Madge	4.96875	+0.09375
Mallinckrodt	32.6875	+0.375
Manor Care	-	-
Mapco Inc	-	-
Marriott	28.9375	-0.4375
Mrsh & McLn	57.125	-1.0625
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	28.6875	-0.1875
Massmutual Corp	23.875	-0.1875
Mattel Inc	35.0625	+0.4375
May Dept St	59	-1.3125
Maytag Corp	54	-0.125
McDermott	25.4375	-1.375
McDonalds	70.8125	+0.75
McGraw Hill	90.375	+0.875
McKesson Corp	71	-0.1875
Mead Corp	30.3125	+0
Medtronic	71.125	+3.5
Mellon Bk	63.0625	-0.125
Mentor Graphics	8.5	-0.125
Merck Inc	157.188	+2.0625
Meredith Corp	39.25	+0.4375
Merrill Lynch	73.8125	-1.1875
Micron Technol	44.4375	+3.125
Microsoft Corp	129.563	+7.5625
Millipore	26.6875	+0.5625
Mine Safety App	68.5	+3.5
Minnesota Mine	81.375	+0.875
Mitchell Energy	12.875	-0.375
Mobil Corp	83.75	-2.25
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	32.4375	+0.1875
Monarch Macht	8.875	-0.25
Monsanto	43.375	-1.9375
Morgan (JP)	108	+1.125
Morton Intl	28.625	-0.8125
Motorola Inc	63	+1.125
Murphy Oil	39.4375	-0.4375
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Nacco Inds	89.5625	+2.5
Nalco Chemical	33.5625	+0.125
Nashua Corp	16.6875	+0
Natl City Corp	68	+0.75
Natl Semi	13.875	-0.5
Natl Serv Ind	37.6875	-0.9375
NatWest Bank	105	-4.5
Navistar Int	26.3125	+0.4375
Netscape	37.75	+0.75
New England El	42.375	+0.625
News Corp	28.125	+0.125
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	31	-0.0625
Newmont Mining	19.9375	+0.0625
Niag Mohawk	15.5625	+0.1875
Nicor Inc	42	-0.0625
Nike Inc	39.5625	-0.4375
NL Industries	13.8125	+0.5
Noble Affil	24.0625	-1.25
Nokia	100.875	+2.875
Nordstrom	37	-0.25
Norfolk Southrn	30.9375	+0.5625
Northeast Util	16.0625	+0.3125
Northern Telecom	47.5625	+0.875
Novell	17.5	+0.9375
Nthn State Pwr	[illegible]	+0.1875
Northrop	61.1875	-0.0625
Norwest Corp		
NSI	0.34375	-0.03125
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Occidental Pet	19.875	-0.375
Ogden Corp	26.5	-0.0625
OEA	13.3125	+0.25
Ohio Casualty	40.75	+0.25
Olin Corp	30.375	-0.125
Omnicom Group	52.75	-0.6875
Oneok Inc	34.625	-0.1875
Oracle Systems	36.9375	+2.6875
Oryx Energy Co	13.625	-0.1875
Oshkosh B'gosh	24.25	+0.25
Overseas Ship	15.9375	+0.125
Owens Corning	37.5625	+0.25
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PNC Financial	51.75	+0.1875
PPG Industries	60.8125	-0.375
Paccar Inc	46.25	+0.75
Pacificorp	18.875	+0.125
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	30.9375	+0
Pall Corp	22.75	-0.5
Parker Drilling	3.75	+0
Parker Hannifin	34.1875	-0.5625
Payless Shoe	48.0625	-0.6875
Penney(JC)	54.8125	-0.1875
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27.5625	+0.25
Pennzoil	36.875	-0.25
People's Energy	38	+0.3125
Pepsico	40.9375	+2.25
Perkin Elmer	91.625	-1.625
Pfizer	110.938	-1
Pharmacia & Upj	53.25	+1.125
Phelps Dodge	56.4375	-0.25
Philadel Elec	40.9375	+0.8125
Philip Morris	57	+1.0625
Phillips Elec	63.5	+0.1875
Phillips Pet	41.25	-0.75
Phycor Inc	6.0625	-0.0625
Pioneer Hi Bred	30.1875	+0.25
Pitney Bowes	58.5625	+2.5625
Policy Mgt Sys	51.625	+0.5
Polycom	18.25	+0.5
Potash Corp	61.1875	-0.5
Potomac El Pwr	26.3125	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	88	+0.375
Promus Hotel Cor	33.375	+0
Pub Svc Enterpr	39.5625	+0.5625
Pug Snd Pwr	27.125	+0
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Quaker Oats	61.9375	+0.5625
Qualcom	54.1875	-0.6875
Quanex Corp	18.25	+0.3125
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RJR Nabisco	29	+0.1875
Ralston Purina	34	-0.8125
Rank Orgnsn ADR	8	-0.1875
Raychem Corp	34.125	+0.0625
Raytheon A	55.75	+1.375
Raytheon B	58.375	+1
Reebok Intl	16.0625	+0.125
Republic NY	46.6875	-0.0625
Reynolds Reyn A	21.375	+0.25
Reynolds Metals	54	-0.875
Rite Aid Corp	46.4375	-0.0625
Rockwell Intl	49.375	+0.875
Rohm & Haas	35	+0
Rouse	26.75	-0.5625
Rowan	10.0625	+0.25
Royal Dutch	46.8125	-0.125
Rubbermaid	32.9375	-0.125
Ruddick	19.6875	+0.125
Russell Corp	24.375	+0.5625
Ryder System	26.5	-0.0625
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SPS Technology	57.1875	-0.0625
Safeco Corp	43.5	+0.5625
Safety-Kleen	13.8125	-0.4375
St Paul's Cos	35.5625	+0.3125
Sara Lee Corp	59.25	+0.875
Schering Plough	109	+2.25
Schlumberger	43.0625	-1.625
Scientif Atlanta	18.875	-0.5
Scripps	51.25	-0.125
Seagate Tech	31.75	+2.25
Seagram	34.9375	+0.625
Sears Roebuck	44.5	-2.9375
Sempra Energy	25.25	+0.375
Sensormatic Elec	7.625	-0.5
Sequent Computer	12.625	-0.125
Service Corp I	37.375	+0
Service Master	21.875	+0.375
Shell Trans.	35.75	-0.75
Sherwin Willms	28.25	-0.125
Shoney's Inc	1.6875	+0
Sigma Aldrich	32.125	+0
Silicon Graphics	13.125	+0.875
Skyline Corp	32.5	+0
Smith Intl	23.5625	-0.5625
SmKline Bchm A	61.25	+0.3125
Snap-On-Tools	34.25	+0.25
Sonat	29	-0.6875
Sonocco Prods	30.125	+0.1875
Sony Corp ADR	74.5625	+1.4375
Southdown	58	-0.25
Southern Co	29.75	+0.25
Sth N. Eng Tel	-	-
Southw Airlines	22.125	+0.4375
SBC Stwstn Bell	48.1875	+0.25
Spring Inds	39.5625	+0.625
Sprint Corp	73.75	+0.875
Standard Prods	18.1875	-0.4375
Stanley Works	30.375	-0.1875
Stone Container	-	-
Storage Technol	36.625	+1.625
Stratus Comp	-	-
Sun America	1.6875	0
Sunbeam Corp	6.375	+0.125
Sun Company	39.125	-0.8125
Sundstrand	54.8125	+0.8125
Sun Microsystems	79.9375	+5.875
Sunshine Mining	0.625	+0
Suntrust	70	+0.1875
Supervalu	26.3125	+0.5
Symantec	19.9375	-0.0625
Sysco Corp	27.8125	+0.875
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TJX Cos Inc	29.25	+0.625
TRW Inc	56.625	+0.5625
Tab Products	7.0625	+0.0625
Tandy Corp	41.75	-3.3125
Telecom Corp	42.125	-0.125
Telefonos de Mex	46.125	-0.4375
Telef De Espana	139	-0.375

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Temple Inland	53.25	-0.4375
Tenneco	34.875	-0.75
Tenet Health	30	+0.4375
Teradyne	32.0625	+0
[illegible]oro Pet	13	-0.375
[illegible]-xco	56.75	-0.9375
[illegible]as Instrmnts	77.8125	+1.4375
Texas Utilities	48	+1.4375
Textron	78.25	+0.5625
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	43.5625	+0.25
ThreeCom	42.875	+4.1875
Time Warner	104.5	-1.25
Times-Mirror	58.6875	+0.0625
Timken	18.5625	-0.6875
Torchmark	37.9375	-0.0625
Tosco Corp	25.375	-0.75
Toys R Us	19.8125	+0.0625
Transamerica	106.875	+0.625
Transco Energy	60.125	-1
Travelers Grp	-	-
Tribune	63.1875	-0.9375
Triton Energy	9.6875	-0.375
TWA	5.375	+0.25
Tyco Intl Ltd	65.8125	+0
Tyler	7	+0.3125
UAL Corp	63.875	+0.1875
USG Corp	49.375	-0.0625
UST Inc	35.0625	+0.9375
USX Marathon	29.1875	+0.8125
USX-US Steel	23.875	-0.5625
Ultramar Diam	26.0625	+0.4375
Unicom Corp	38	+0.3125
Unilever PLC	41.125	-0.875
Unilever NV	76.25	-1.5
Union Camp	85.625	+0.9375
Union Carbide	43.5	-1.25
Union Pacific	48	-0.625
Unisys Corp	29.375	+0.875
USAIR Group	51.625	-0.5625
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	33.4375	+1.5625
[illegible] Surgical	-	-
[illegible] Trust	67.875	+0.25
US West	63.4375	+1.1875
United-Tech	106.438	-0.75
Unocal Corp	33	-0.875
VF Corp	49.4375	+0.1875
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.34375	+0
Valero Energy	20.825	-0.375
Varian Assoc	39.25	-0.3125
Viacom Inc	65.125	-0.5625
Vishay	14.1875	+0
Vulcan Materials	128.438	+3.0625
Wachovia	88	+0.6875
Walgreen	53	-0.875
Wal-Mart Stores	75.125	-0.1875
Warner-Lambert	77.25	+1.75
Wash Gas Light	25.375	-0.125
Washington Mutu	36.5	-2.25
Washington Post	520	-12.1875
Waste Mgmnt Inc	42.5625	-0.3125
Watkins-Johnson	18.25	+0
Weis Markets	38.125	+0
Wells Fargo	36.625	+0.5
Wendy's Intl	20.0625	+0.0625
Westvaco	28.0625	-0.0625
Weyerhaeuser	49.9375	-0.1875
Whirlpool	54.875	-1.125
Whitman	22.8125	+0.1875
Williams Co	28.5625	-0.25
Winn Dixie Stcs	41.8125	+1.5
Woolworth	7.8125	-0.0625
W[illegible] Comm	62.125	+3.125
W[illegible]ngton Ind	12	-0.1875
Wrigley	88.5	+0.375
Xerox	110.688	+3.1875
Yahoo	206.25	+14.25
Yellow Freight	15.6875	-0.4375
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	510	-2.25
Allied Zurich	815	-45
BAT Inds	539.5	-14
BT	796	-32.5
BTR	116	-7.75
Barclays	1328	-45
Bass	810	-22
Boots	874	-3
British Airways	395	-13
Comm Union plc	906	-54.5
Diageo	634.5	-42
General Electric	458	-34.5
Glaxo	1869	-45
Halifax	835	-24
HSBC (75p shs)	1536	-99
ICI	534	-23
Land Securities	790	-10
Lloyds Bank	791	-50
Marks & Spencer	415.25	+4.5
NatWest Bank	1060	-43.5
Prudential	854	-28
Reuters	582	-22
Sainsbury	487	-9.5
Shell Transport	353.5	-11.75
Tyco Intl	4000	+150
Unilever	604	-23
Zeneca	2409	-108

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accor	1225	-25
Air Liquide	950	-17
Alcatel Alsthom	740	-12
Euro Disney	8	+0
Michelin B	230	-15.5
Moulinex	93.6	-5.4
Paribas	480	-27
Pernod Ricard	359.5	-10.6
Peugeot	875	-25
Saint Gobain	795	-45

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	67.9	-1.7
Daimler-Benz	153.5	-9
Lufthansa	36	-1.1
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	27.3	-1.2
Volkswagen	130.2	-7.8

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 1-DEC-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.5621	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.185	0
British Pound (1)	6.9149	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.4864	0
French Franc (1)	0.7414	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.4254	0
Swiss Franc (1)	3.033	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7488	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5115	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.879	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9133.54	+16.99
DJ Transport	3047.84	+16.61
DJ Utils	305.17	+1.65
DJ Comp	2830.64	+9.12
NYSE Industr	715.23	+2.41
NYSE Transport	455.17	+4.72
NYSE Comp	573.33	+1.83
S&P 100	583.33	+6.14
S&P Spot Index	1175.3	+11.67
Israel Index	249.79	-1.73

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5537.5	-206.4
Tokyo Nikkei	14835.4	-18.3
Singapore all-share index	377.39	-13.82
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9975.8	-426.5
Israel Index	249.79	-1.79
Paris CAC 40	3688.34	-155.04
DAX	5121.48	0
Madrid	844.98	-17.14
Swiss Market Index	6784.3	-298.8
Sydney	2734.1	-39.2
Milan	1436.79	+80.79

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.654	+0.0061
Dec.future (CME)	1.6534	+0.0066
D-mark: spot	1.6835	-0.0087
Dec.future (CME)	0.5946	+0.004
S-franc: spot	1.3815	-0.0125
Dec.future (CME)	0.7251	+0.0077
Yen: spot	122.12	-0.8
Dec.future (CME)	0.008206	+7.2e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5315	-0.0025
Dec.future (CME)	0.6532	+0.0011
AusDlr: spot	0.6327	+0.0047
Dec.future (CME)	0.6327	+0.0053
F-franc: spot	5.646	-0.0335
It Lira: spot	1667.5	-7
Nlg: spot	1.8979	-0.0088
AutShlg: spot	11.8213	-0.1134
Rand: spot	5.885	0
ECU: spot	1.1652	+0.005

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1441	+19
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	111.25	-1.05
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	273.5	-3.5
Soybean (Jan) (CBOT)	582	-11.5
Orange Juice (Jan)(CEC)	118.95	0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	-	-
Bonds Dec.future	13006	+11
S and P Dec.future	1174.5	+12

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	898	+6
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1695	+8
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	242.5	-1.4
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.86	+0.02

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	293.4	+0.9
Silver (Dec)	4.852	+0.027
Platinum (Jan)	352.1	-3.2
Palladium (Dec)	272.55	-1.35
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.6985	-0.002

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	293.35	-2.4
Gold PM fix	293.3	-1.4
Silver fix	487.5	-5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 1-DEC-98)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (1.12.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	4.5196	4.5925	—	—	4.5621
U.S. dollar	4.1495	4.2165	4.07	4.28	4.1850
German mark	2.4597	2.4994	2.41	2.54	2.4864
Pound sterling	6.8442	6.9546	6.72	7.06	6.9149
French franc	0.7337	0.7456	0.72	0.76	0.7414
Japanese yen (100)	3.3853	3.4400	3.32	3.49	3.4254
Dutch florin	2.1824	2.2176	2.14	2.25	2.2052
Swiss franc	3.0010	3.0495	2.94	3.10	3.0330
Swedish krona	0.5110	0.5193	0.50	0.53	0.5164
Norwegian krone	0.5561	0.5651	0.54	0.58	0.5608
Danish krone	0.6472	0.6577	0.63	0.67	0.6538
Finnish mark	0.8094	0.8225	0.79	0.84	0.8174
Canadian dollar	2.7219	2.7659	2.67	2.81	2.7488
Australian dollar	2.6161	2.6583	2.57	2.70	2.6363
S. African rand	0.7325	0.7444	0.66	0.75	0.7391
Belgian franc (10)	1.1928	1.2121	1.17	1.23	1.2053
Austrian schilling (10)	3.4974	3.5539	3.43	3.61	3.5339
Italian lira (1000)	2.4855	2.5256	2.44	2.57	2.5115
Jordanian dinar	5.8280	5.9220	5.72	6.14	5.8799
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.18	1.28	1.2346
ECU	4.8259	4.9038	—	—	4.8766
Irish punt	6.1123	6.2109	6.00	6.30	6.1775
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8910	2.8377	2.84	2.98	2.9214

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

TASE falls on global rout

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks dropped for a third day, led by the country's three big banks, as a global rout that struck Wall Street shook investors from Hong Kong and Singapore to London and Tel Aviv.

The Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies fell 2.74 percent to 296.63, its biggest one-day drop in more than three weeks, after falling 1.06% on Monday.

Benchmark indexes tumbled around the world after the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 2.32% in New York on Monday.

Bank Hapoalim fell 2.74%, to NIS 7.82. The country's biggest bank said earnings dropped more than expected to NIS 235.4 million, or NIS 0.19 shekels a share, in the third quarter, from NIS 269.8m., or NIS 0.22, in the quarter last year. Bank Hapoalim and rival Bank Leumi could be hurt by competition from Citibank, which has started operating in the Israeli currency market.

Bank Leumi fell 3.10% to 5.63 The bank said it earned NIS 226.7m., or NIS 0.16 per share, in the third quarter compared with NIS 211.3m., or NIS 0.15 per share, in the quarter last year. The gain was in line with expectations.

Israel Discount Bank fell 2.71% to 3.59. The bank's third-quarter profit dropped 28% as loan income declined and it raised its provisions for debt defaults because the slumping shekel made it more expensive for borrowers to repay foreign-currency denominated loans.

Europe

European stocks fell for a second day, paced by Dresdner Bank AG and other banks, on concern they may set aside more money for bad loans to emerging market borrowers. Petrofina SA led gainers after Total SA made a $13 billion takeover bid for the Belgian oil company.

The UKs FTSE 100 index suffered its biggest percentage drop of the year, unsettled by steep losses in New York. The leading index finished down 206.4 points or 3.6 percent weaker at 5,537.5.

The Bloomberg Europe 500 Index dropped 2.98% to 189.15, its biggest decline in more than seven weeks, as decliners outpaced gainers by 10 to one. All eight of the benchmark indexes in Europe's largest markets slid.

"We want to avoid the banks, which are lending to emerging markets, where margins are so terribly thin," said Richard Lewis, who helps manage about $1 billion at WorldInvest Ltd. "Risks are so much higher than people thought."

Lewis said he's buying regional banks, such as Denmark's Den Danske Bank A/S, that have less risky loans.

Dresdner Bank fell 3.85 marks to 72.25. Germany's third-biggest bank may set aside additional funds to cover part of its loans to Brazil, the daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported, without citing sources.

Brazil's economy is expected to contract about 1% next year. Dresdner has lent about $2b. in South America's five largest economies, the newspaper said.

Spanish banks, which make much of their profit in Brazil, were hurt after Brazil's Bovespa Index dropped 5.08% yesterday. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya SA dropped 130 pesetas to 2,150 and Banco Santander SA fell 135 pesetas to 2,815.

"The Spanish are in it up to their eyeballs," said Lewis, who isn't investing in Spanish banks.

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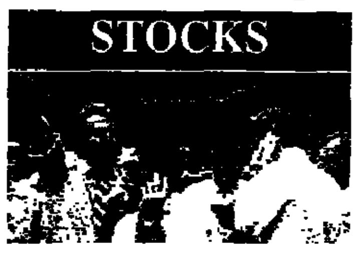

Maof 296.63 ▼ 2.74%

Dow Jones 9133.54 ▲ 0.2%

FTSE 5537.5 ▼ 3.6%

Nikkei 14835.41 ▼ 0.32%

Asia

Hong Kong stocks fell for a third day, led by property developers, on concern high interest rates and a deepening recession will crimp demand for offices and apartments.

The Hang Seng Index fell 426.47, or 4.1%, to 9,975.85, the biggest decline in three months. Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. and Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd., the two largest developers, accounted for a fifth of the decline.

The Hang Seng Property Index has fallen 9% since a report Friday showed the city's economy shrank 7% in the third quarter from a year ago, compared to a 5% decline in the second quarter.

"There are difficult times ahead," said Ian Lui, managing director at Indocam Singapore Ltd., which manages $304.9 million in Singapore and Hong Kong stocks. He said the index will stay around 10,000 points in the coming weeks, following its 40% gain in three months.

Elsewhere, Japan's Nikkei 225 Index fell 0.3% as a builder sought bankruptcy protection.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Blue-chip stocks bounced back yesterday from a steep slide, with the profit-taking behind Monday's sharp downturn easing just as the Dow slipped below 9,000.

The Dow Jones industrial average initially extended Monday's 214-point plunge by another 128 points, but reversed course before midday and finished 16.99 points – 0.2% – higher, at 9,133.54.

The morning slide had pulled the Dow as low as 8,987.

The blue-chip rebound lifted most popular indexes into positive territory, but declining issues still outnumbered advancers by a small margin at the closing bell.

The profit-taking on Monday and yesterday morning followed a week of sharp gains that lifted the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite to new highs for the first time since July.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 11.65 to 1,175.28, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 54.21 to 2,003.75.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,504 up, 1,593 down and 477 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 781.97 million shares as of 4 p.m., up from 685.98 million at the same time Monday.

(AP)

Oil falls as report expected to show higher inventories

Oil

Brent crude oil for January delivery fell as much as 11 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $10.35 a barrel yesterday as traders expected a weekly US oil inventory report to show a global oil glut isn't easing. The American Petroleum Institute's oil inventory report will show if production cuts pledged by oil exporters are beginning to reduce an oil glut, which pushed prices to 12-year lows in New York on Monday. Major oil exporters, who met last week to discuss how to lift oil prices, failed to pledge further cutbacks.

Others

Copper for December delivery rose for the first time in five sessions yesterday, climbing as much as 0.45 cent, or 0.6 percent, to 70.50 cents a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices recovered from a drop Monday to an 11 1/2-year low after North America's fourth-largest copper producer announced it was closing one of its smelters.

After trading Monday, Asarco Inc. said it was closing its El Paso, Texas, smelter and cutting 420 jobs because of a lack of materials needed to run operations. Production at the company's Amarillo, Texas, refinery also is being reduced.

The cutbacks come at a time when stockpiles of copper stored in London Metal Exchange warehouses are at their highest in almost five years. Prices dropped to $1,578 a ton Monday as falling demand from consumers in Asia, Europe and the US pushed up inventories.

Coffee for January delivery fell as much as $32, or 1.8%, to $1,742 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange as expectations for a surge in shipments from Uganda helped ease concern over lean supplies of the bitter-flavored robusta beans used in instant blends. Farmers in Uganda, Africa's No. 3 producer, are harvesting their latest coffee crop and traders say exports are likely to rise this month. Supplies of robusta coffee deliverable against futures in London have been scarce in recent weeks ahead of the bulk of shipments expected from Africa and East Asia.

(Bloomberg)

COMMODITIES

Gold $293.65 ▲ 0.55%

Crude Oil $10.4 ▼ 0.06%

CRB 197.03 ▲ 1.61%

US bonds rise as factory report points to slowdown

US bonds rose for a sixth day and yields fell to six-week lows yesterday after a report showing a bigger-than-expected drop in nationwide manufacturing activity bolstered expectations for slowing growth and tame inflation.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of manufacturing activity fell to 46.8 in November, less than the 47.8 reading expected by analysts and down from 48.3 in October. A reading below 50 suggests manufacturing is contracting.

"Manufacturing is hurting," said Fred Levin, economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. "There's deflation at the manufacturing level. It's certainly encouraging" for bonds.

The 30-year bond rose 24/32, or $7.50 per $1,000 bond, to 103 16/32. Its yield fell 5 basis point 5.02 percent. Yields on two-year notes, among the most actively traded Treasuries, fell 12 basis points to 4.39%.

Meanwhile, construction spending rose 0.3% in October, on top of a 0.3% gain in September, the government said.

An index of leading economic indicators compiled by the New York-based Conference Board climbed 0.1% in October after an unchanged reading in September. Both were lower than expected.

Bonds earlier got support as a second day of declines in global stock markets spurred demand for the safety of Treasuries.

Traders took comfort from yesterday's manufacturing report because it suggested Asia's slumping economies are curbing US growth, while keeping inflation from picking up much, giving the Federal Reserve leeway to cut interest rates for a fourth time if necessary. NAPM's index of prices paid, a measure of inflation, fell to 35 in November from 35.8 a month earlier.

The central bank cut its benchmark interest rate in three quarter-point steps between September 29 and November 17, to calm financial markets and avert a slowdown in the world's largest economy. Signs of slowing growth may boost expectations for further cuts, though few investors expect a move as soon as the Fed's next policy meeting December 22.

Another key release will be Friday's Labor Department report on November employment. The government will probably show the economy added 164,000 nonfarm jobs in November, up from October's gain of 116,000, according to the average estimate of analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. The unemployment rate probably held steady at 4.6%.

(Bloomberg)

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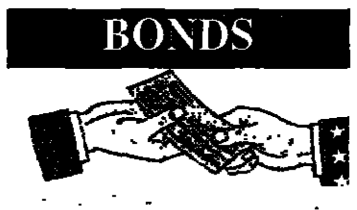

US 30 -yearT-bill yield

5.02 ▼ 0.05

Mark gains following Dow's drop

The dollar fell for a second day against the mark and for the first time in eight days versus the yen on speculation that US stocks may extend Monday's decline, weakening demand for the US currency.

"We saw a sell-off in the equity market, which in general is bad news for the dollar," said J.P. Neergaard, a manager of foreign exchange at Den Danske Bank.

The dollar fell to 1.6851 marks from 1.6935 late Monday.

It also dropped to 122.18 yen from 122.92. The dollar is down 6.3 percent against both currencies this year.

Concern about stocks emerged Monday after the benchmark Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 2.3 percent on concern fourth-quarter corporate profits won't meet expectations. Falling stocks can hurt the dollar because global investors selling US equities often convert the dollar proceeds into other currencies.

Some traders also were soured on the dollar after European central bankers damped speculation that the European Central Bank may soon cut interest rates, said Joe Cambria, head of New York spot trading at Credit Suisse First Boston.

ECB President Wim Duisenberg Monday said the bank's most pressing goal is to align rates in the 11 countries adopting the single currency in January, rather than to cut rates to spur growth.

Lower European interest rates would diminish returns on currencies that will be supplanted by the euro next year.

"There were some hopes that we might see a cut in European rates even before December 31," said Neergaard. "Those have more or less vanished."

(Bloomberg)

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Netanyahu and Eitan are to meet this week and discuss the offer further. So far no detailed proposal has been submitted to Tsomet.

But news of the offer has already sparked controversy in Tsomet. MK Moshe Peled, who had been spearheading a rebellion against Eitan in recent weeks, lashed out at the party leader yesterday.

Peled called on Eitan to "step down. This man no longer represents Tsomet."

Peled himself announced his own intention to vie for the party leadership.

"Two weeks ago Eitan spoke of supporting an alternative national camp candidate, last week he talked of resigning and the theme for this week is apparently melting into the Likud," he said.

On the Gesher front, there was hardly any progress either, although Netanyahu and Levy did manage a telephone conversation yesterday.

Levy, who has maintained an uncharacteristically mild tone since the talks with the Likud started, began getting edgy yesterday.

"Nothing has yet happened. It is all make-believe so far. There is no agreement. Nothing has been signed," he said.

"We have had an offer from the prime minister, but now we are waiting for him to take action on it."

Levy's brother Maxim explained yesterday that he has "nothing against David entering the government again and picking up the National Infrastructure portfolio. We have nothing against joining the coalition either.

"But merging with the Likud is something which I and other activists oppose. We want Gesher to maintain its independence."

Maxim Levy believes Gesher should stay out of the Likud for the time being, while it enters the coalition. Talks with the Likud can resume later, he says.

This appears to be one possible formulation, which has already been endorsed by many in the Likud and in Gesher. However, David Levy's own interests may be to close a full deal now, when Netanyahu is eager to have him, and exact as a great a price as he can from the Likud for his coalition support.

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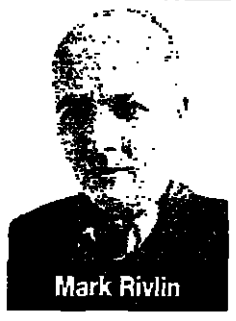

Mark Rivlin

If you think you have got problems, think of poor old Arsene Wenger. In May, he was the king of kings after leading Arsenal to the double. On Sunday, after the club's home draw with Middlesbrough he was being subjected to the kind of media assassination normally reserved for people who mug old ladies on the bus.

Arsenal have had a poor run of results which has seen them dumped out of the European Champions league and losing ground on the Premiership leaders (although they still lie fourth). They have not won in seven games, failed to score in three of their last four Premiership games and have a crippling injury list with Denis Bergkamp, Marc Overmars and Tony Adams sidelined.

There have also been rumblings of discontent among the players.

At the Middlesbrough game, Wenger will undoubtedly have noticed that fans were actually laughing at their team's inadequacies. But Wenger has seen it all before – after being sacked by French club Monaco, he went to manage in Japan where he became interested in Zen Buddhism. His approach to management at Highbury has always been non-confrontational and one of the most intriguing aspects of Arsenal's success last season was how his intelligence was seemingly transformed into the team's style of play as Arsenal got rid of their long-ball boring image.

On Sunday, Wenger let his guard slip a little by saying that the fans had been used to eating caviar every day, and the recent poor run meant they should prepare themselves for a few meals with sausages.

The fans, however are angry not so much with Wenger's style of management, but more with his reluctance to dip into a reported £30 million pot to buy the kind of talent which will keep Arsenal at the top. Patrick Kluivert, Dion Dublin, Frank and Roland De Boer, Nwanku Kanu and Stephane Chaupuisat have all been linked with Arsenal, but decided not to come. Add to that list, the exit of Ian Wright to West Ham and you can see why followers are so upset.

In the old days being chairman of a football club was straightforward. The local butcher or solicitor would lob in a few hundred thousand and enjoy the trappings of prestige, leaving the manager and players to get on with the football.

Modern times reflect a different world as events at Everton have demonstrated. On Monday, Peter Johnson, the club chairman resigned after an acrimonious few days in which the sale of the club's star striker Duncan Ferguson to Newcastle went through without the knowledge of manager Walter Smith. Everton are reportedly £20 million in debt and the sale of Ferguson for £7 million was no doubt made with that debt in mind. Johnson's 68 per cent controlling stake is also for sale – the man who made his fortune from food hampers can expect a seasonal bumper pack of £50 million from the sale.

Johnson's resignation was met with blanket approval from Everton fans who have been venting their anger at the Jersey-based millionaire for over a year. But the fact that he will be remaining at the club as a non-executive director continues to be a point of controversy. Bob Naylor, a spokesman for the Everton Supporters Club, told the *Daily Mail* that although Johnson's resignation was a step in the right direction "We won't rest until he has sold his shares and has gone from the club." In a way, the affair has little to do with money, and more to do with loyalty – Evertonians cannot accept that Johnson used to be a Liverpool season ticket holder and still has links with Anfield.

"Perth-etic" was how one tabloid newspaper described the England cricket team's performance in the second Test. Captain Alec Stewart, who has seen a few collapses in his 83 Tests, described the Perth fiasco as the worst England performance he has witnessed. On the first morning, those of us who set our alarms for the wee hours to catch the live broadcast thought it was a bad dream and went straight back to sleep with an image of bails and wickets flying.

But there may just be a bit of light at the end of the tunnel. Tomorrow, the English first-class counties will be voting on whether to adopt a first and second division county championship tier system. It looks like a 'yes' vote will ensure that from the year 2000 there will be promotion and relegation just like in football.

The change will inevitably mean less cricket, and like in Australia, more competitive cricket. And maybe the next time England play a series down under, they will be more up to the task.

Not that the dismal performance seems to have dampened the enthusiasm of the hundreds of England fans who made the long haul to watch the series. The "Barmy Army," as they are affectionately known, have kept their spirits up by dancing round the boundary and even cheering the England players in the nets (seemingly the only place where they hit the ball well).

The most pleasing aspect of the defeat was the return to form of Graeme Hick and the debut of Surrey's Alex Tudor who was described as "genuinely quick" by Australian captain Mark Taylor. Hick, a one-match replacement for the injured Graham Thorpe, has canceled his return flight back to London.

Real Madrid win World Club Cup

TOKYO (Reuters) – Real Madrid won the World Club Cup final for the first time since the inaugural tournament in 1960 when they beat Vasco da Gama of Brazil 2-1 in an entertaining match yesterday.

The European champions went ahead after 26 minutes when Brazilian defender Naza, standing alone and in space, headed a Roberto Carlos cross into his own net when it looked easier to clear.

The South American champions equalized after 57 minutes with an outstanding goal from Juninho who controlled a high clearance on the edge of the box with his left foot before lashing in with his right foot to give goalkeeper Bodo Ilgner no chance.

Spanish international Raul clinched the match for the Spaniards with an outstanding solo goal.

After being sent clear by Dutchman Clarence Seedorf, he wrong-footed two defenders and Vasco da Gama goalkeeper Carlos Germano to score seven minutes from time.

Real's victory was the fourth in succession by the European champions.

English newspapers slam squad on Test loss

LONDON (AP) – Newspapers lashed out yesterday after yet another humiliation for England's cricket team.

"Day England lost all credibility," said a blaring headline in *The Express*.

"That's the worst I have seen in 83 test matches," said *The Mirror*, quoting England captain Alec Stewart.

"One of our worst ever performances," echoed *The Sun*.

England's seven-wicket hammering by Australia Monday in the second Test of the Ashes series – England was bowled out for 112 in 39 overs on the opening day – again reminded the nation how far it has slipped in a game it invented.

Writing under a headline calling England "second-raters on cricket's world stage," *The Express* columnist James Lawton said the loss reflected deeper problems.

"It is not just the specter of another defeat which makes someone who cares for England's cricket legacy feel here like a man walking down Park Lane with holes in his shoes," he said.

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"When he puts on a baseball uniform, there's no B.S. He goes 100 percent all the time," said Ed Farmer, the Chicago White Sox broadcaster, former major-league pitcher and Orioles scout from 1988 to '90.

"He won't take a day off. You have to absolutely coerce him into taking a DH role. You've got both iron men once you sign him. He is probably one of the most intense competitors I've ever seen."

And as a hitter? "He doesn't give up an at-bat," Farmer said. "You make a mistake, he doesn't miss it. At Camden Yards, he might hit 75 home runs. Our ballpark cheated him out of at least 15 last year, and he hit 49. So that would have been 64.

"When he gets in the zone, he can put on the entire Oriole team on his back and carry them for a month or two. That's what he did for us last year. We didn't have Frank (Thomas) hit the way he had in the past. They didn't want to pitch to Belle, and he still killed them."

Belle, 32, leads the majors in home runs and RBI the past eight seasons. He owns a higher career slugging percentage than Mark McGwire. He hit .387 with 31 homers and 86 RBIs last season – after the All-Star break.

Love him or loathe him, he will make the Orioles compelling, in the way that great horror movies are compelling. Still, he deserves to be judged solely on his performance, as long as he acts responsibly on and off the field.

For $65 million, you might expect leadership, marketing potential and tireless community service, but let's not kid ourselves. With Belle, what you see is what you get. And what you see is a guy who plays hard every day.

"If the fans are coming to see a politician, they ain't going to get it," Farmer said. "He's going to be a person they'll want to embrace. They'll do the embracing. But he ain't going to do no hugging."

Who needs it? The only way to tolerate pro sports today is to distance yourself emotionally. Orioles fans booed Belle in the '96 Division Series, and Cleveland fans booed Roberto Alomar. Naturally, all that will reverse now.

Eddie Murray shared Belle's desire for privacy, and Orioles fans loved him. Then again, that comparison might not be valid. Murray's most controversial act – his refusal to speak to the media – is the least of Belle's problems.

The good news is, Belle was on mostly good behavior in his two seasons with the White Sox. *Not counting his suspensions – the last of which was June 21, 1996 – he has missed only three* games in the past five years.

Take a day off? Sometimes, he won't even take first base.

"Not when he's zoned in," Farmer said. "(Dave) Burba hit him last year. The ball glanced off his shoulder and hit him in the chin.

"And he refused to go to first. Then he hit a shot into the gap in left-center for a double." Controlled fury. It will be a welcome sight at Camden Yards.

"He's very quiet before games," Farmer said. "He likes to play cards with a select group or play Nintendo. If he makes out or hits a home run, whenever he gets the chance, he'll write it down in his little book – who's pitching, what the count is, what the situation is. Nothing is left to chance."

What about his twin brother, Terry, his supposed better half?

"If he had Terry's personality, maybe he wouldn't be the player he is," Farmer said. "Terry is just a great guy. Albert never lets his guard down. This is only conjecture on my part, but I think that he thinks that if he lets his guard down, he's not going to perform as well."

And make no mistake, Belle will perform. He has hit 321 career homers, and likely will reach 500 as an Oriole. He's also a doubles machine, and, even in an off-year, he's good for 100 RBI.

Orioles coaches noted his improvement in left field last season, and Farmer said, "He's a better outfielder than everybody thinks."

Belle probably is better suited to play the smaller right field at Camden Yards, especially if the Orioles re-sign B.J. Surhoff. But who's going to ask him to move? That should be the least of the Orioles' problems.

Hold your breath, Belle-timore.

Mr. Grinch is coming to town.

(The Baltimore Sun)

Belle signs with Baltimore

BALTIMORE (Reuters) – Baseball bad boy Albert Belle has flown Chicago's coop to join the Birds after entering the growing $13 million dollar club by signing a five-year deal with the Baltimore Orioles.

Slugging outfielder Belle signed a deal reported to be worth $65 million, taking advantage of a contract clause with the White Sox that allowed him to become a free agent since his 1998 salary of $10 million was no longer among the top three in baseball.

"I weighed all my options and thought Baltimore was my best option," said Belle. "You look at the way the organization is headed, they definitely want to go all out to win."

Belle's deal follows on the heels of contracts given to first baseman Mo Vaughn by the Anaheim Angels, catcher Mike Piazza by the New York Mets, and pitcher Randy Johnson by the Arizona Diamondbacks that broke the $13 million salary mark.

Last season, Belle batted .328 with 48 doubles, 49 homers and 152 RBI. After July 1, the slugger really turned it on, batting .383 with 32 homers and 89 RBI in 81 games.

Belle also once again gives Baltimore bragging rights to the best current Iron Man streak.

Belle has played in 334 straight games and took over as the active leader in consecutive games played when Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken Jr. ended his amazing record streak at 2,632 games in September.

Any worries over Belle concern his volatile temper.

The 32-year-old Belle creates nearly as much havoc off the field as he does on it. During his career, he has verbally and physically attacked reporters, admitted to gambling on football games and chased down child pranksters with his sport utility vehicle on Halloween.

While with the Indians, Belle smashed the clubhouse stereo that belonged to teammate Kenny Lofton, threw a baseball at a photographer and unleashed an obscenity-laden tirade at a television reporter during the 1995 World Series.

On Halloween in 1995, Belle drove after kids who threw eggs at his house in suburban Cleveland. In early 1997, he admitted to betting as much as $40,000 on NFL and college basketball games but denied ever betting on baseball.

In July, he was charged with domestic battery. Those charges later were dropped.

Last year, the Orioles had a payroll of $72 million but came up short on the field with a 79-83 record and a fourth-place finish in the American League East.

They have allowed second baseman Roberto Alomar, outfielder Eric Davis and pitcher Alan Mills to leave via free agency, clearing some money to chase Belle.

Belle is the second free agent signed by new Orioles general manager Frank Wren, who took over for Pat Gillick after the season. Baltimore signed reliever Mike Timlin to a four-year, $16 million deal last month.

Ivanisevic charms admirers in Jerusalem

By HEATHER CHAIT

The fiery temper of Croatia's tennis star, Goran Ivanisevic, was thoroughly tamed yesterday by over one hundred young adoring tennis players.

Ivanisevic was the epitome of acquiescence and good humor as he exchanged strokes, autographs and words of encouragement with the country's top junior players at Jerusalem's tennis center.

Watched by a doting crowd, Ivanisevic fielded balls for two hours, showing his antics by hitting shots between his legs and returning balls with with his foot before he settled down to a serious match with top Jerusalem player Andy Ram.

Ivanisevic won 4-1.

The 27-year-old, currently ranked 12th in the world, was invited to Israel by Jerusalem's municipality to share in the 50th anniversary celebrations. His first visit here coincided with the city's 3,000th year activities when he played an exhibition match with Amos Mansdorf.

"I came to give these kids a chance," he said yesterday, "and a few of them know how to hit the ball well. They just need to work hard."

When asked which player's style he admired, Ivanisevic, lapsing into his more familiar stubborness, responded saying "Nobody." He also deflected the issue of his questionable mental approach to the game, saying, "It's fine now," adding that his ranking should and will be higher if I continue playing like now."

His father, Srdjan, was also positive about the future of local tennis.

"A pattern of 10 good years is often followed by 10 bad but some player, an extra special person, will appear here and attract players. Every nation has one," he said.

Earlier in the day Ivanisevic held a clinic with some 100 coaches, discussing his own training program and career secrets. "He stressed that if a player is not a fighter, he has no chance today," said Gabi Galer, a coach at the Mt. Scopus tennis center in Jerusalem.

Also in Ivanisevich's entourage was 17-year-old Yelena Kostanic, the world's fourth ranked junior from Croatia who won this year's junior Australian Open.

For Amir Weintraub from Rehovot, the country's top player in his category, 12 years, it was a day to remember. "He said 'very good' to me after we hit and he shook my hand," the youth said, smiling from ear to ear.

Goron Ivanisevic shakes hands with a young fan at Jerusalem's tennis center yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Israel has tough game against Denmark tonight

By ELI GRONER

After Israel's victory over Ukraine on Saturday night, a win tonight against Denmark at Yad Eliahu (to be broadcast live at 20:35 on Channel 1) would officially clinch a spot at the European Championships in France, to take place in the summer of 1999.

The top two teams from each of the five groups automatically qualify for the championships, along with the four best third-place teams. A victory tonight would clinch second place.

First the good news: If Sunday's game revealed anything, it's that the Israelis would have won in Minsk last Wednesday night had Doron Sheffer been healthy. The bad news: They would have lost on Saturday night without him.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Israel's guard rotation is capable of competing with Europe's finest, and Sheffer, Guy Goodes and Amir Katz should certainly dominate their Dutch opponents.

The problems begin in the frontcourt – historically Israel's Achilles heel. With Tomer Steinhauer, Nadav Henefeld and an ineffective Gur Shelef, the Israelis could have trouble with the Dane's two biggest stars, Michael Anderson (2.13 meters), who plays for AEK Athens, and Mikkel Larsen (2.07), a member of the Italian Sienna club. When Israel faced Denmark last year, neither was available during Israel's 19-point win in Fredricksberg. But tonight, while the backcourt provides the offense, Steinhauer and Henefeld will have to be at the top of their defensive games.

Group C

	W	L	Pts
Spain	7	0	14
Israel	**5**	**2**	**12**
England	3	4	10
Belarus	3	4	10
Ukraine	2	5	9
Denmark	1	6	8

Local golf

Richard Fogelson and Devora Shur led the A and B divisions of the individual stableford tournament at Caesarea's golf course with scores of 37 and 40 respectively but the day's triumph belonged to Jules Cuburnek with his 45 in the C division.

Behind Fogelson was Clive Josset with 36 and Leslie Benamir with 35.

Second in the B division was Hanan Eshed with 39 points and Ephraim Katzman was third with 38.

Behind Cuburnek's handsome score were Dudley Kessel and Faith Spector on 38 but Kessel's better back nine gave him the advantage.

In the Saturday KC two best ball stableford competition the team of Dan Ronen, Bill Haas, Tuvi Gresaro and Charley Scheibel were first with 18 better than par 91 points. On 88 points were Ido Katznelenbogen, Aviv Levi, Jeff Strubel and Roz Brodie.

Heather Chait

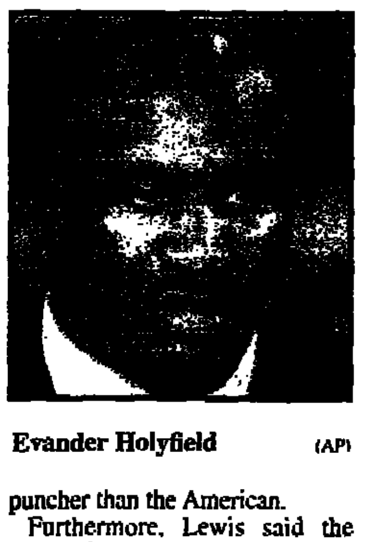
Holyfield says fight against Lewis will be 'easy'

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Evander Holyfield, relaxed and unusually confident in public, said on Monday his heavyweight unification fight against Lennox Lewis in March will be "easy." Holyfield, who holds two thirds of boxing's main titles, made a point of saying that one of his strengths is "knowing I'm flexible, I don't break, I bend. I'm at a point where I beat people who can't bend.

"I'll break Lewis," said Holyfield, champion of the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation.

For his part, Lewis – the World Boxing Council champion – said his superior size "is very important, definitely an asset" in their March 13 fight in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Lewis is about three inches taller and will likely be 30 pounds heavier than Holyfield. The Briton, 33, also is three years younger than Holyfield and likely a stronger puncher than the American.



Evander Holyfield (AP)

Furthermore, Lewis said the long delay in arranging the fight has was a mistake by Holyfield because it allowed the Briton to become a better fighter.

Lewis, who will receive about $8 million, would not reveal specifically how he has improved. Instead, in his typically oblique style, he said: "I was like a piece of meat in a pot cooking nice and slowly." But Lewis did say he would be able to counter anything Holyfield tried in the scheduled 12-round fight. He said he expected Holyfield to try various tactics, including the relentless brawling of his earlier career.

"It doesn't matter. Evander Holyfield hasn't seen nothing like me and my power," said Lewis.

Lewis, born in England of a Jamaican mother and the winner of a gold medal in the 1988 Olympics for Canada, acknowledged he is not well-known in the US and is "just waiting to prove everyone wrong. All those reporters making negative comments about me."

Holyfield, who ran through the long history of boxing politics that have kept the two from fighting, brushed off Lewis's size, saying, "you don't judge a businessman by his height. It's the smart guy who will prevail.

"Lennox Lewis is a guy that wants to knock you out. But he never had anybody put pressure on him. I'll hit him when I want to hit him. The question is how durable he is," said Holyfield, who will be paid at least $20 million.

"Either I'm gonna knock him out good, or I'm gonna knock him out bad," he added.

Holyfield, who thoroughly beat Mike Tyson in stopping him in the 11th round of their first fight two years ago and won again in June 1997 when Tyson bit off part of his ear and was disqualified, said: "I can never tell you how good I am. But I can tell you I've been better than my opponents."

Holyfield was less than stellar in beating Vaughn Bean in a decision in September and Lewis seemed lethargic and stiff in winning a decision over Croatian Zeljko Mavrovic the same month.

Canadiens beat Kings in battle of underdogs

MONTREAL (AP) – With two struggling teams facing each other, the winner needed a little luck.

Montreal center Saku Koivu was credited with the game's opening goal, at the 6:17 mark of the second period. But it was Los Angeles defenseman Sean O'Donnell who actually steered Koivu's rebound into his own net.

That started the Canadiens to a 3-1 victory Monday night as Montreal snapped a three-game losing streak.

"They needed a break – they're struggling – and they got it," O'Donnell said. "It just continues for us." It was the only NHL game played Monday.

Los Angeles (6-14-3) has only managed to accumulate five points (two wins and a tie) in its last 14 games and has lost eight of its last nine.

Despite sliding face down toward the net, Koivu managed to direct a shot towards the Kings' goal that seemed to catch Los Angeles goalie Stephane Fiset by surprise. Fiset made a toe save, but O'Donnell's stick directed the puck into the open side to Fiset's left.

"I made the save and Sean O'Donnell tried just to put the puck in the corner, but it hit his stick and went right in," Fiset said. "It's getting frustrating for us because we aren't getting any of the bounces."

Los Angeles	0	0	1–1
Montreal	0	1	2–3

First Period–None. Second Period–1, Montreal, Koivu 4, 6:17 (pp). Third Period–2, Montreal, Savage 6 (Hoglund, Weinrich), 4:02. 3, Montreal, Rucinsky 6, 5:16. 4, Los Angeles, Murray 10 (Bodger, Stumpel), 16:27. Shots on goal–Los Angeles 8-3-8–19. Montreal 10-13-7–30. Goalies–Los Angeles, Fiset. Montreal, Hackett. A–20,415.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	13	7	1	27	54	49
Philadelphia	11	7	4	26	62	48
Pittsburgh	10	6	5	25	63	55
N.Y. Islanders	10	13	0	20	59	64
N.Y. Rangers	6	9	7	19	56	59
Northeast Division						
Toronto	13	9	2	28	74	68
Boston	10	7	5	25	60	43
Buffalo	10	5	4	24	57	40
Ottawa	10	7	3	23	61	50
Montreal	8	12	2	18	52	65
Southeast Division						
Carolina	11	10	3	25	62	57
Florida	8	8	5	21	50	55
Washington	7	11	3	17	49	62
Tampa Bay	6	14	2	14	48	83

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	13	8	0	26	73	50
St. Louis	9	6	5	23	57	47
Nashville	9	12	1	19	53	68
Chicago	6	14	3	15	48	82
Northwest Division						
Edmonton	12	9	1	25	68	55
Vancouver	9	13	1	19	66	71
Colorado	8	11	2	18	53	62
Calgary	8	13	2	18	63	70
Pacific Division						
Phoenix	14	2	2	30	53	26
Dallas	12	4	3	27	53	39
Anaheim	8	10	4	20	50	53
Los Angeles	6	14	3	15	50	66
San Jose	5	11	5	15	49	56

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CRITICS' CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

The International TheaterNetto Festival gets under way today at both the Habimah (Tel Aviv) and the Jerusalem theaters. Tel Aviv: Argentina's Cipe Lincovsky's *Cipe Speaks Brecht* in Spanish is at 7 p.m.. and at 9 p.m is Sergei Yursky from Russia, in Russian, with *Pushkin and Others*, both on the main stage. At those same hours in Meskin Hall it's New Zealand's Tim Balme with *Jimmy Costello*, based on the real-life adventures of a petty criminal, followed by Colombian actress Fanny Mickey doing *Shirley Valentine*, in Spanish. Naomi Shoval-Porat performs her long-running *Naomi*, about the emancipation of a Beduin woman, in Habimartef tonight and tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Jerusalem: Famed screen star Hanna Schygulla does *Keep on Dreaming*, excerpts from authors from Mark Twain to Charles Baudelaire, in English, French and German. America's Ron Campbell performs *The Thousandth Night* (he does 38 different characters) in Rebecca Crown at 7:30 p.m while almost honorary Israeli – he's busy directing *Hamlet* for the Haifa Theater too – Steven Berkoff performs Shakespeare's baddies in Sherover at 9:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Maestro Christoph von Dohnany leads the IPO in an all-orchestral program featuring Bartok's Divertimento for Strings, Prokofiev's First ("Classical") Symphony and Brahms's Second Symphony today through Sunday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, daily at 8:30 p.m., except Friday at 2 p.m.

Christoph von Dohnany conducts the IPO.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ DAY AFTER DAY – The best Israeli film in years, Amos Gitai's movie manages, without a hint of bombast, to depict by a shrewd blend of documentary and fictional means the modest, offbeat rhythms and textures of ordinary life in this country. And while this wry family comedy succeeds by staying small and concentrating on matters apparently mundane (Moshe Ivgi's nerdy hypochondriac chomping on a cucumber, say, or Keren Mor's mysteriously omnipotent security guard trying to light her cigarette), its outline also obviously unfolds on a plane of wider social significance. But while so many Israeli pictures reduce their characters to mere symbols, this one allows them to exist as fuller beings, each trailed by a kind of shadow-of-a-symbol. With Hannah Maron and Yusuf Abu-Warda. (Hebrew dialogue, with some Arabic dialogue and Hebrew subtitles. Children under 16 not admitted: ID will be checked.)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Sammartini: Recorder Concerto in F; Braun/Goldberg: Songs of the Dove and the Rose; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 17 K453
7:07 Farkas: Antique Hungarian Dances; Ignacio da Jerusalem: Te Deum; Takács: Serenade on Dances from the Village of Gratz
8:05 Puccini: Madame Butterfly
9:05 Smetana: Piano Trio in G minor op 15; Messiaen: Quatuor pour la fin du temps; Brahms: Piano Concerto no 2 op 83; Copland: Symphony no 3
12:00 Light Classical – Handel, Bach, Haydn, Grieg, Borodin, Villa-Lobos, Tchaikovsky, Elgar and Ketelbey
13:00 Artist of the Week – Modern Ensembles. Martinu: Nonet (1959); Schoenberg: String Trio op 45; Berg: Adagio from Chamber Concerto; Part: Arbus
14:06 Keys
16:00 Bach: Cantata 119; Brahms: Sonata no 2 in F for Cello and Piano op 99; Liszt: Sonata in B minor (Barenboim); Boscovitch: Concerto da-camera for Violin and Orchestra (Shivak / IPO / Bertini)
18:00 Tchaikovsky: Melodie; Chopin: Lullaby (Perahia); Schubert: Song; Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens: Vocalise, Habanera; Beethoven: Sonata no 5 in F "Spring" for Violin and Piano; Schumann: Kinderszenen op 15 (Kempff); Ibert: Trio for Violin, Cello and Harp; Brahms: String Sextet no 1 op 18 (Raphael Ens)
20:05 (1) Ramirez: Missa Criolla (Cohen, tenor / Tel Aviv Chamber Choir / South American Ens, authentic instruments / Shani); Neapolitan Songs (Cohen / Herzliya CO / Bordovitz); (2) Beethoven: Sonata no 4 for Violin and Piano (G. Shaham / O. Shaham); Mendelssohn: Sonata no 1 for Cello and Piano (Heled / Zak); Bach: Sonata in E flat major for Violin and Piano (Pauk / Sternfeld); Dvorak: Moravian Duets op 32 (nos 8-13); Schubert: 3 Waltzes for Piano 4-hands (Lutsky / Berman)
23:00 Golden Generation – Jascha Heifetz (violin) in live concerts / second program. Korngold: Violin Concerto (New York PO / Kurtz / Carnegie Hall 1947); Brahms: Violin Concerto op 77 (New York PO / Szell / Carnegie Hall 1951)

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
10:00 "Head to Head" with Charlie Levine and Dr. Tom Gumpel
12:00 Financial Forum with Mike Humphries
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Lonely Soul in Town – Dave Bender
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – panel discussion
22:00 West RockLine with Mark Garson
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Sports International
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours, part 10
9:30 Meridian Live
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Westway
10:30 Everywoman
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 The Farming World
11:30 *Britain Now* (BBC English)
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 One Planet
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Sports International
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Seeing Stars
14:45 Sports Roundup
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17:30 Everywoman
18:00 News
18:15 F.O.O.C.
18:30 Insight
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 The Works
21:29 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:30 Pause For Thought
21:30 Multitrack: X-Press
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 On Screen
00:00 Newsdesk

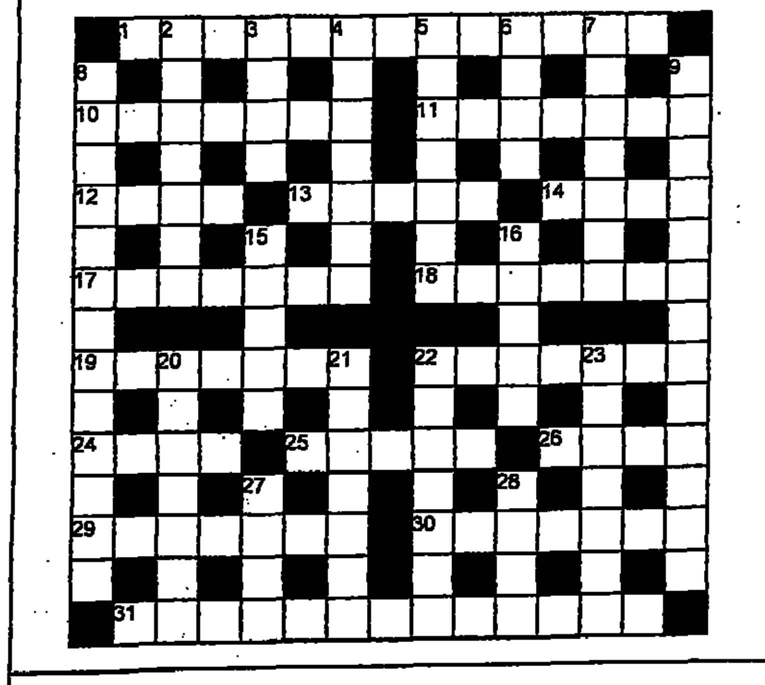
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Points out ripe possibilities of advancement (13)
10 In general exit, one left something (7)
11 Drug found at college—put one's foot down (5,2)
12 Southern timber used in window construction (4)
13 Bearing the right number (5)
14 Finished and left (4)
17 Not far out in marine navigation (7)
18 Dispute the profit, for example (7)
19 Finished, being nothing less than painstaking (7)
22 A nut one adjusts in the back of an open car (7)
24 Yes, about to include parking spot (4)
25 A book-end (5)
26 Statue in the rose-bed (4)
29 Stir it in a football crowd (7)
30 Master takes female, fifty, in marriage (7)
31 Writer goes to town for a snack (5,8)

DOWN

2 Various pages lead us to a famous horse (7)
3 Curse unwilling student dropping out (4)
4 Where the stage is set for an operation (7)
5 It is intended to encourage laying in a little money (4,3)
6 Sweet bird's note cut short (4)
7 I've cut tips for salad (7)
8 It meant no discharge for the old gunner (5,2,3,3)
9 Take it easy! Don't commit suicide (5,8)
15 Go up in public transport intended to take in others (5)
16 She's the making of Ian (5)
20 Copy original recipe, cooking plaice (7)
21 She takes after her father? (7)
22 Unusually thin I am getting Vitamin B (7)
23 Fickle boy about to betray one's trust (7)
27 Best sort of capital investment (4)
28 Collect one's pay with a minor rise (4)



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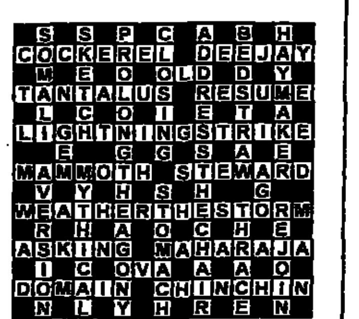
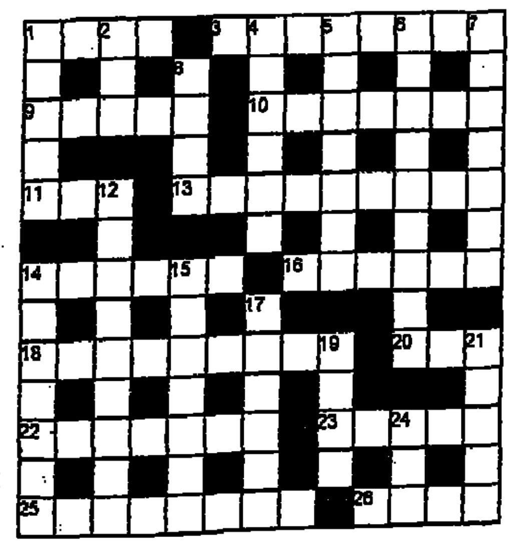


Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Pour, 4 Traits, 7 Use, 9 Stun, 10 Misplace, 11 Imp, 12 Fern, 13 Teardrop, 16 Beyond the pale, 19 Blustery, 23 Okay, 24 Pax, 25 Encumber, 26 Iota, 27 Elm, 28 Debris, 29 Ogre. DOWN: 2 On the decline, 3 Run into, 4 Tempt, 5 At sea, 6 Tiled, 8 Schoolmaster, 14 Enter, 15 Roe, 17 Not, 18 Proximo, 20 Sauce, 21 Ember, 22 Ypres.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Fatigue (4)
3 Valuable (8)
9 Observe (5)
10 Peaceful (7)
11 Male sheep (3)
13 Flesh-eating animal (9)
14 Abrupt (6)
16 Distant (6)
18 Eternal (9)
20 Regret (3)
22 First (7)
23 Adequate (5)
25 Foliage (8)
26 Pimple (4)

DOWN

1 Minaret (5)
2 Decay (3)
4 Relate (6)
5 Drug (7)
6 Under the weather (3-6)
7 Conceal (7)
8 Stylish (4)
12 Bring up to date (9)
14 Young tree (7)
15 Subterfuge (7)
17 Underground room (6)
19 Rip (4)
21 Occurrence (5)
24 Young dog (3)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Oriental Studies
8:30 Family Album
9:00 Guitar Beginnings
9:30 Communication: The Human Imperative
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Arithmetic
11:50 Mathematics
12:20 Science
13:30 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street
15:25 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Heartbreak High
16:15 Eli and Lily
16:30 Hoppa Hey
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Four Times Rabbit
18:05 Dudu's Adventure
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Paths of Science
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Good Luck
20:00 News
20:35 European Basketball – Preliminary Round: Israel vs Denmark, live from Yad Eliahu
22:35 Vanishing Man
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song of the Day
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee Tel-Ad
9:00 Third Time
9:55 Storytellers' Festival
10:50 Thirtysomething
11:45 Promised Land
12:35 Amazing Stories
13:00 News in Our Eyes
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Disney Time
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Sport TV
18:00 Movie Magic
18:30 Tarzan
19:25 Posing with Yael Abecassis
20:00 News
20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
21:15 Fact with Ilana Dayan
22:05 Avraham and Ya'acov
23:25 Short at Midnight
00:00 News
00:05 The X-Files
1:00 M*A*S*H – return of the legendary 1970s comedy series, starring Alan Alda, in which Hawkeye saves a soldier with a transplant provided by the patient's dead friend
1:25 1998 Israel Festival
2:20 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31)
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Teddy the Bear
15:30 Beyond the Galaxy
16:00 French program
16:30 Crystal Maze
17:00 Subways
18:00 Bugby Spirit
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French series
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Keep Quiet
20:00 From Our Special Reporter
20:30 Kung Fu
21:15 Science and Technology
21:30 Faces and Places
22:00 News in English
22:30 Chicago Hope
23:15 Fatal Bug
00:00 Hit Parade

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)
(unconfirmed)

7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Blake and Mortimer
15:30 Donkey Kong District
16:00 Buddy Buddy
16:30 The White Fang
17:00 700 Club
17:30 World News
18:00 911 Rescue Force
18:30 Coach
19:00 Wiseguy
20:00 Global Problems
20:00 English League Soccer
23:00 Late at Night with David Letterman
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Life Goes On – Egyptian series (Arabic)
19:00 News in Arabic
20:00 Crossfire
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:10 Cruises to a World of Discovery

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Everything's People
16:00 Fairy Tales
17:00 Short Story Festival
17:45 Arabic Tales
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 Cooking with Capriel
19:00 Oriental Studies
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Destinations
21:30 Destinations
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Long Search

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 La Femme Nikita
21:10 Mad About You
21:35 Veronica's Closet
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 Larry Sanders Show
00:45 Silk Stalkings
1:35 North of 60 – third season reruns

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Run for the Dream: The Gail Devers Story (1996) – the story of the of the athlete who was struck by a serious disease but managed to overcome it and win first place in the 100-yard dash in Barcelona
13:15 The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle (1939) – Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers portray a famous turn-of-the-century dancing couple in a more serious musical than usual. Directed by H.C. Potter
15:00 The Last Winter (Hebrew, 1983) – two women, an American and an Israeli, become friends while waiting for signs of life from their husbands who are missing in action. With Kathleen Quinlan and Yona Elian
16:30 Rent-a-Kid (1995) – when the director of an orphanage goes on vacation his substitute comes up with the business scheme of renting out children to families considering adoption. With Leslie Nielsen, Christopher Lloyd and Matt McCoy
17:55 New in the Cinema
18:10 Three Wishes (1995) – a mysterious tramp enters the life of a Korean war widow raising her two sons and changes their lives. With Patrick Swayze, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Michael O'Keefe
20:10 Losing Isaiah (1995) – a social worker adopts a black crack baby, only to have the mother return and demand he is returned to her. With Jessica Lange, Halle Berry, Cuba Gooding Jr., Samuel L. Jackson and David Strathairn
22:00 True Vengeance (1996) – action thriller. A former intelligence agent is forced to execute a computer executive by the Yakuza. Meanwhile the authorities are on his tail. With Daniel Bernhardt
23:35 Absolute Force (1997) – an anti-terrorist unit takes on a dangerous new organization striving to get hold of a neutron bomb. With Timothy Bottoms
1:10 In Love and War (1987) – dramatization of the autobiographical account by US Navy Commander James Stockdale of his eight years as a POW in Vietnam. With Jane Alexander, James Woods and Haing S. Ngor
2:45 Molly and Gina (1993, 89 mins.) – two women, one an elegant businesswoman and the other a punk rocker, join forces to find their husbands' murderers. With Natasha Wagner and Peter Strauss

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Simba, Jungle King
8:30 Oakey Doky
8:45 Herlufs
9:05 Mozart and the Gang
9:35 The Smurfs
10:10 Ninja Turtles
10:35 Superman
11:15 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:40 Ned's Newt
12:00 Bandana Jones – action series with Dana Dvorin
12:30 Pigasso's Place
13:05 Care Bears Family
13:35 Simba, Jungle King
14:05 Barney
14:30 Arthur
15:05 The Smurfs
15:40 Ninja Turtles
16:00 The Magnet
16:45 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Cow and Chicken
17:35 Police Academy
18:30 The One
18:45 Family Matters
19:00 Moesha
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Go Fish (1994) – intelligent independent comedy about the search for a soul mate follows the trials and tribulations of five lesbians. Directed by Rose Troche
23:10 Irma Vep (French, 1996, 94 mins.) – an improvised film directed and written by Olivier Assayas and starring Maggie Cheung, Jean-Pierre Leaud, Nathalie Richard and Bulle Ogier. A director in decline decides to remake Louis Feuillade's silent serial *Les Vampires*. Believing no French actress can match Musidora as Irma Vep, he casts Hong Kong action heroine Maggie Cheung as herself

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Tuesday at 23:30)
8:05 Immortal Salamanders
8:35 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
9:00 Beyond the Rainbow
9:50 Dvorak: Rusalka – opera based on the story of the little mermaid, conducted by Mark Alder
12:35 Life in the Wild (rpt)
13:00 Decisive Weapons
13:30 Future Quest
14:05 The Next Step (rpt)
14:30 Stephen Hawking's Universe, part 2 (rpt)
15:20 You Can't Beat a Woman (rpt)
17:00 Open University: Sexual Imperative
18:00 Open University: Children in America
19:00 Life in the Wild, part 18: Chitinous Shields
19:30 Decisive Weapons
20:00 Future Quest: Energize Me – future energy sources for the planet
20:30 The Next Step
21:00 Stephen Hawking's Universe, part 3
21:50 Sleep Disorders: The Sixth Sense
22:45 Life in the Wild (see 19:00)
23:10 Decisive Weapons
23:40 Open University: Hollywood Stuntmakers
00:10 Open University: Motherhood on Hold; Government By Consent; The Hermitage

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 The Pretender
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Swiftly Seasoned
10:00 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 Asia News & World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 Space Island One
15:00 CI5, the New Professionals
16:00 Murder Call
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 Space Island One
19:00 CI5, the New Professionals
20:00 Murder Call
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct (rpt)
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 Holiday (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Reporters (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Future Fantastic: Brainstorm (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World: Nuts in Brazil, part 2
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 The Net (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 Mastermind India
19:30 Holiday (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 The Money Program
23:05 World News and Business Report
23:30 Top Gear
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business Report
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:30 Holiday (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 News and Business Asia
16:30 Insight
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style! with Elsa Klensch
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour

6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 Special Report
8:00 Sunrise
13:30 Sky World News
16:30 Your Call
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News
3:30 Special Report
4:30 Sky Business Report
5:30 Global Village

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
15:00 World Volleyball Championships
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 German League Soccer
18:00 English League Cup Soccer – Wimbledon vs. Chelsea
19:30 Sports News
20:00 French League Soccer
21:30 European League Soccer – Galatarasay vs. Juventus, live
23:30 English League Cup Soccer – Spurs vs Manchester United
1:00 World Volleyball Championships

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Soccer – Eurogoals
11:00 Soccer (rpt)
13:00 World Cup Legends
14:00 Tennis
14:30 Sailing
15:00 Equestrianism
16:00 Luge
17:00 Soccer (rpt)
19:00 Motorsports
20:00 Xtrem Sports
21:00 Fun Sports
21:30 Bowling
23:00 Fitness
00:00 Boxing
1:00 Motorsports
2:00 Rally

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	Good Luck	Posing with Yael Abecassis	Melrose Place		Family Matters Married with Children	Decisive Weapons
20:00	News	News		Losing Isaiah		Future Quest
20:30	European Basketball	Ramat Aviv Gimmel	La Femme Nikita		Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	The Next Step
21:00		Fact With Ilana Dayan	Mad About You		Party of Five	Stephen Hawking's Universe
21:30			Veronica's Closet			
22:00		Avraham and Ya'acov	Yair Lapid Live at 10	True Vengeance	Go Fish	Sleep Disorders
22:30	Vanishing Man		Seinfeld			
23:00			Ricki Lake			Life in the Wild

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE 6 Days 7 Nights 5 • The Annotated Alice 7:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights∞The Realm of Fortune 9:30 • G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Palestine Circus 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Thousand Acres∞A Perfect Murder 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors∞The Big Lebowski∞The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 4:45, 7:15 • JERUSALEM THEATER Washington Square 7, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot There's Something About Mary∞Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 Snake Eyes∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 Hope Floats 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Knock Off 4:45, 7:15, 10 SMADAR ☎ 5618168 I Went Down 10 • The Dream Life of Angels 7:45 • Hana-Bi 5:30

TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • On Connait La Chanson 11 a.m., 3:15 • The Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Spanish Prisoner 1, 5:30, 7:45 GAT ☎6967888 Life is Beautiful 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 GLOBUS ☎6081130/1 The Best Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞The Truman Show∞The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder∞The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 6, 9:30 • Out of Sight 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Day After Day 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 LEV ☎5288288 I Went Down 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Price Above Rubies 2, 7:30 • Hana-Bi 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:45, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 5, 9:45 LEV AVIV ☎6417148 The Dream Life of Angels∞I Went Down 5, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 5, 7:30, 10 • A Polish Bride 7:30 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30 • Nights of Cabiria 5, 10 LIMOR ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 5 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 7 G.G. PE'ER ☎5442141 Palestine Circus 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show∞The Best Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Twilight 5, 7:30 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Snake Eyes∞Halloween: H20 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused∞6 Days 7 Nights 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The X-Files 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House There's Something About Mary 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Hope Floats 5, 7:30 • Tango∞Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 TEL AVIV MUSEUM The Apple 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 King of Masks 7:15, 9:15 • The Apple 7:15, 9:15 CINEMATHEQUE ☎8383424 In Our Own Hands 7 • The Holy Office 9:30 MORIAH ☎8242477 Washington Square 7:15, 9:30 ORI ☎8500056 Palestine Circus 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • A Perfect Murder∞Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski∞The Best Man 4:45, 7:15, 10 PANORAMA ☎8382020 The Truman Show 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6:30, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-CHEN ☎8500055 There's Something About Mary 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hope Floats 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 8674311 The X-Files 7, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 7:15, 9:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 8416898 There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Knock Off∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 8246553 Henry Fool 6:45, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful∞Tango 4:45, 7, 9:30

AFULA
RAV CHEN There's Something About Mary 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 7:15, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:15

ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Halloween: H20 7:30, 9:30 • Forbidden Love∞A Thousand Acres 7:30, 9:30

ARIEL
Perfect Murder 9

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Truman Show∞Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 ORI ☎8568073 Thousand Acres 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN ☎8661120 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Knock Off∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Hope Floats 5, 7:30, 9:45

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN ☎6711221 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes∞Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beutiful∞Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎5531077 There's Something About Mary∞The Truman Show∞Halloween: H20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Fri. 7:30, 10, 12:15 a.m. • Snake Eyes∞The Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Fri. 7:30, 10, 12:15 a.m. • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9

BEERSHEBA
G.G. ORI ☎6103111 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎6235278 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes∞Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45

EILAT
GIL ☎6340182 The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

HADERA
LEV ☎6343555 There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Il Ciclone∞The Truman Show 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 9:15 • Halloween H:20 7:30

HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 Il Ciclone 6, 8, 10 • Life is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 DANIEL ☎ 9544044 The Dream Life of Angels 7:30 • Henry Fool 5, 10 STAR ☎ 9589068 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Snake Eyes 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Superboy Sun-Wed. 5

HOD HASHARON
GIL ☎ 7408591 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10

HOLON
GLOBUS There's Something About Mary∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • The Perfect Murder∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 STAR There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused 7:30, 10 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 10 • Mask of Zorro 7:30, 10

KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 There's Something About Mary 7:15, 9:30 • Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 7:15, 9:30 **KFAR SAVA**
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 There's Something About Mary∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Snake Eyes∞Washington Square 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL The Truman Show∞6 Days 7 Nights∞Wrongfully Accused 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 7, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 7, 9:30 • Hope Floats∞A Perfect Murder 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 6:45, 9:30

KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Truman Show 4:30, 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA
G.G. GIL There's Something About Mary∞ Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎6561332 There's Something About Mary∞The Perfect Murder 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Knock Off∞The Truman Show 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Gingerbread Man∞Out of Sight 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Palestine Circus∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • Sliding Doors∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN ☎ 8618570 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:4

OR AKIVA
RAV CHEN ☎ 6262758 There's Something About Mary 7:15, 9:30 • Snake Eyes 7:15, 9:30 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:15

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 The Big Lebowski∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. GIL 1-6 ☎ 9087989 Palestine Circus∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 G.G. HECHAL ☎ 9317374 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10

RA'ANANA
CIN MOFET ☎ 7482915 The Dream Life of Angels 8:30 PARK ☎ 7711321 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 10:15 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Saving Private Ryan 6 RA'ANAN Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Truman Show∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Forbidden Love 5, , 7:30, 10:15 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10:15 a.m

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 There's Something About Mary∞The Truman Show∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9 • Mask of Zorro∞The Little Mermaid 4:45 • Mulan∞Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* Sat. 11 a.m. RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 Snake Eyes∞Halloween H:20 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Sliding Doors 6, 8, 10

REHOVOT
CHEN ☎ 9362868 Washington Square 7:15, 9:45 • Tango 7:30, 9:45 • Henry Fool 7, 9:45 • A Thousand Acres 7:15, 9:45 RAV MOR ☎ 9493595 There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Truman Show∞Snake Eye 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Saving Private Ryan 5:45, 9

RISHON LEZION
GIL 1-3 ☎ 9500785 Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 HAZAHAV ☎ 9514968 Snake Eyes∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors ∞Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Saving Private Ryan 6, 9:30 RAV CHEN ☎ 9670504 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Snake Eyes∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45 STAR ☎ 9619985 There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Wrongfully Accused 7:30, 10 • Halloween H:20 7:30, 10 • Mask of Zorro 7:30, 10

YEHUD
RAV CHEN ☎5367910 There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful∞Snake Eyes 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:30, 9:45

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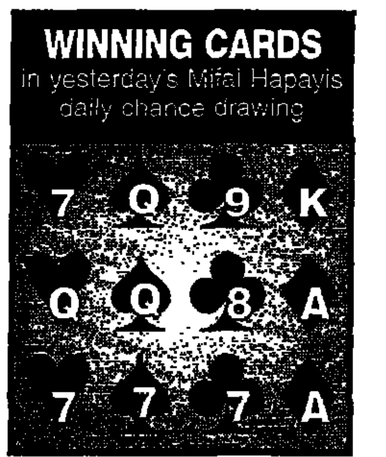

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Leeds, Newcastle discuss Batty deal

LONDON (Reuters) – Leeds and Newcastle officials are in talks over a deal to bring England international David Batty back to Elland Road.

The Newcastle midfielder waived his right to pick up an estimated £800,000 in signing on fees by requesting a transfer last week.

Leeds tabled a bid of around £4 million on Monday but Newcastle reportedly want more for the player who won the championship with Leeds in 1992.

Newcastle chairman Freddie Shepherd said: "We are not giving players away. and David Batty is a current England international."

Leeds manager David O'Leary is waiting for the go ahead from Newcastle.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER – Yesterday's League Cup quarter-finals: Sunderland 3. Luton 0: Wimbledon 2, Chelsea 1. FA Cup first round replays: Notts County 3. Hendon 0 (Notts County at home to Wigan).

49ers rout Giants 31-7

Defensive tackle Bryant Young suffers serious leg injury

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Jerry Rice complained about the San Francisco 49ers' erratic play, and offered to jump start the offense. Instead, it was Terrell Owens who provided the spark.

Owens caught a 79-yard touchdown pass from Steve Young and Garrison Hearst ran for 166 yards in 20 carries to go over 1,000 yards rushing for the second straight season as San Francisco beat the New York Giants 31-7 Monday night for their 15th straight regular-season home win.

The victory clinched a 16th straight winning season for the 49ers (9-3) and kept them a game behind first-place Atlanta in the NFC West with four remaining.

But the win was costly. The 49ers lost star defensive tackle Bryant Young midway through the fourth quarter to a right leg injury. Replays showed the leg bent backwards as he collided with linebacker Ken Norton Jr. as they closed in for a tackle. He was wheeled off the field on a gurney.

The Giants (4-8) started fast but then faded, much like they have this season after winning the NFC East last year. Kent Graham had a 48-yard completion to Ike Hilliard on their first play and three plays later, Gary Brown bolted 11 yards up the middle for a touchdown.

New York, with the second-worst offensive ranking in the league, couldn't sustain its advantage against a 49ers team that fell behind for the seventh time in nine games.

Owens, who finished with five catches for 140 yards, turned a short flat pass from Young into a score to pull into a 7-all tie with 2:39 left in the first period.

The fleet Owens, now perhaps the 49ers' most dangerous receiver, blew past Conrad Hamilton near the line of scrimmage and pulled free of Sam Garnes' grasp at the 30. Suddenly, he was running free down the left sideline and into the end zone.

After being held to three catches for 27 yards in last week's 31-20 win against New Orleans, an exasperated Rice said he felt left out of the offense and implied San Francisco could reverse its sluggish starts by throwing more passes his way. He finished Monday night's game with three catches for 25 yards.

The 49ers opened the game with a no-huddle for the first time this season and Young went to Rice several times early. Near the end of San Francisco's third series, Young tried to force the ball to a double-covered Rice near the goal-line and Carlton Gray knocked it away.

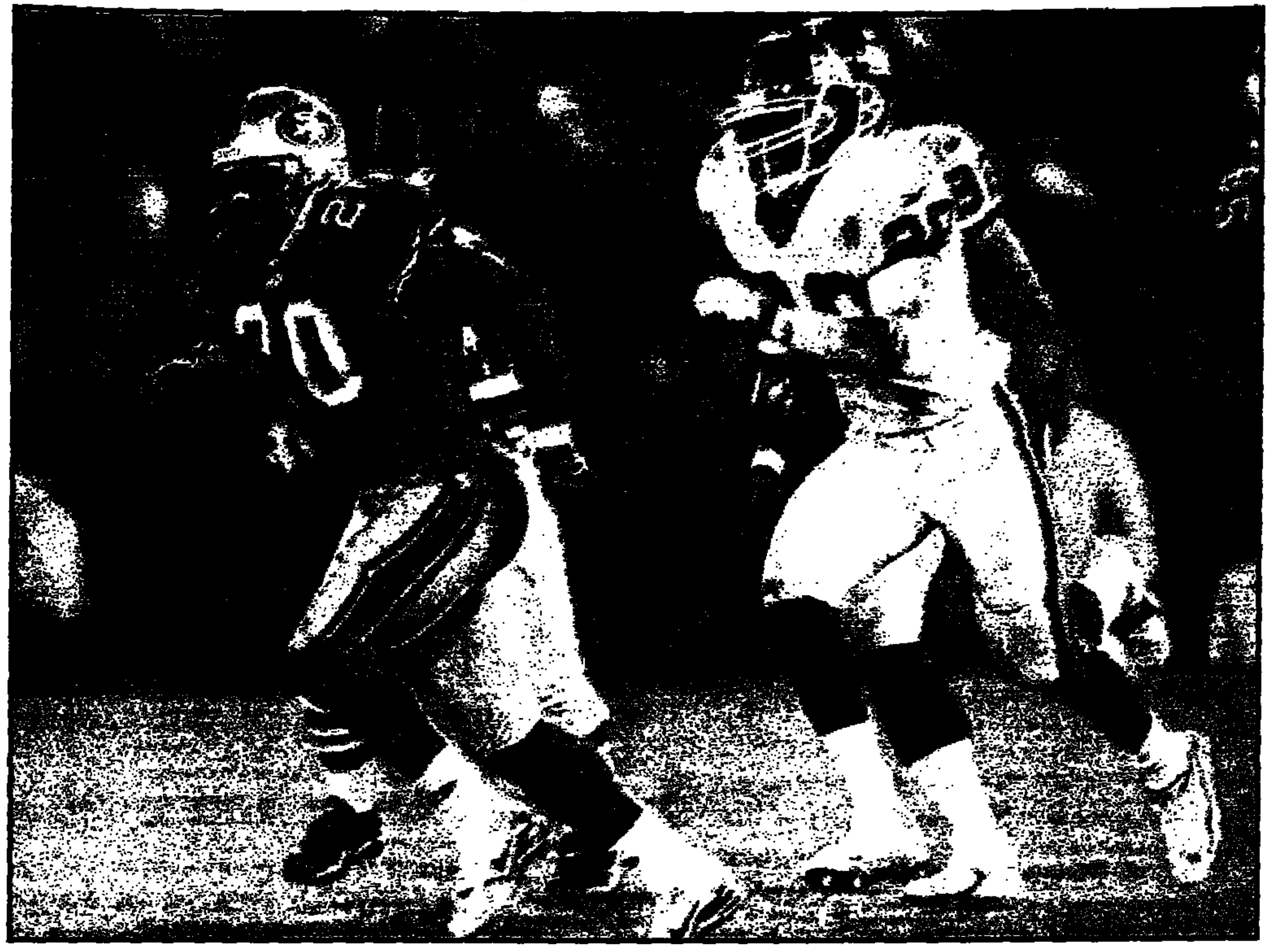
Owens' touchdown reversed a sputtering offense that had led to just two missed field goals by Wade Richey.

But the 49ers didn't take the lead for good until they put together a 90-yard drive that Young finished with a 1-yard scoring pass to Irv Smith for a 14-7 halftime lead.

San Francisco added another score on Terry Kirby's 7-yard run midway through the third quarter and Richey kicked a 39-yard field with 10:07. Then Hearst sealed things with a 70-yard TD run with 3:09 left.

N.Y. Giants	7	0	0	0–7
San Francisco	7	7	7	10–31

First Quarter: NY–Brown 11 run (Daluiso kick), 9:21. SF–Owens 79 pass from Young (Richey kick), 2:39. Second Quarter; SF–Smith 1 pass from Young (Richey kick), :28. Third Quarter: SF–Kirby 7 run (Richey kick), 7:01. Fourth Quarter: SF–FG Richey 39, 10:07. SF–Hearst 70 run (Richey kick), 3:09. A-NA


CAN'T CATCH ME – San Francisco 49ers' running back Garrison Hearst pulls away from NY Giants' safety Sam Garnes. (Reuters)

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	4	0	.667	231	168
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	315	199
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	268	242
New England	7	5	0	.583	262	236
Indianapolis	2	10	0	.167	208	336
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321
West						
y-Denver	12	0	0	1.000	401	206
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	238	259
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	181	247

y-clinched division title

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	251	308
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	196	257
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337
Philadelphia	2	10	0	.167	108	277
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	244	263
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	354	244
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265
St. Louis	3	9	0	.250	207	285
Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322

x-clinched playoff berth

Isiah Thomas: Time to 'sub' union reps

NEW YORK (AP) – Isiah Thomas, who has been both an NBA owner and union president, thinks the players might need to replace Billy Hunter and Patrick Ewing at the bargaining table in order to get a deal done.

"Billy Hunter has that option, and it may be an option that he and Patrick decide they want to explore," Thomas said Monday as the lockout finished its fifth month. "You've got to protect the players, and you can't keep letting the players get hurt."

Saying he expects the season to be canceled because of the mistrust that has developed, Thomas said the players have three choices.

"They can not have a season, they can take a tough deal or they can get some new blood at the table. It's a question of which choice they will make," he said.

"This is no knock on anyone, but the way I always ran the union was if we brought in talent and that talent wasn't performing, we had the opportunity to bring in someone else who would perform."

Thomas played for the Detroit Pistons from 1981-94 and was president of the union from 1990-94 before becoming vice president and part-owner of the Toronto Raptors. He currently works as an analyst for NBC on its NBA telecasts.

Having seen past negotiations from both sides of the table, Thomas has a unique perspective on the current crisis. And it's so bad, he says, that there will not be a season.

"That's the way I read the cards," he said in a telephone interview. "There has to be a level of trust and understanding, and the people negotiating this deal do not trust one another and therefore are not able to negotiate honestly."

Monday, which was supposed to be the players' second payday, also marked the 11th day since the last full negotiating session was held. The sides are at odds over whether there will be preconditions for a resumption of talks.

No players have called for Hunter, the union director, and Ewing, the union president, to step aside, but Thomas said the players will have to consider it.

"That's an option the union has and should always have. It's OK to be unified, but I prefer to have unity with money.

"From my experiences, whenever you have a labor negotiation impasse and you have bad blood at the table, then from a union's perspective if your goal is to represent (all the players), it might be like in a basketball game when you're down 12 in the third quarter, and you've got to sub."

Bowe, Webber share courtroom

UPPER MARLBORO, Maryland (AP) – In the hallway outside the courtrooom, Riddick Bowe and Chris Webber shook hands and wished each other the best.

It would have been a sure double-take for any sports fan who happened to be wandering down the second-floor hallway in the Prince George's County Courthouse on Monday. But there they were, two famous athletes, having to share a courthouse to answer accusations of violence.

Webber, a Sacramento Kings forward, was about to stand trial on charges of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and several other offenses. The judge spent the morning hearing a pretrial motion, but the start of the actual trial was delayed because the same judge had to deal with Bowe, a former heavyweight champion accused of assaulting his wife.

Bowe wasn't around very long. It only took Judge Hovey Johnson a few minutes to shelve the second-degree assault charge from August 1997 on the conditions that Bowe have no violent conduct with his wife and that he complete a 10-day psychiatric evaluation and any accompanying treatments.

Then Bowe emerged and encountered Webber. The two shook hands and exchanged a good-luck pats on the shoulder. Webber was impeccably dressed in a gray suit; Bowe wore blue jeans and a dark New York Yankees championship T-shirt, half tucked in.

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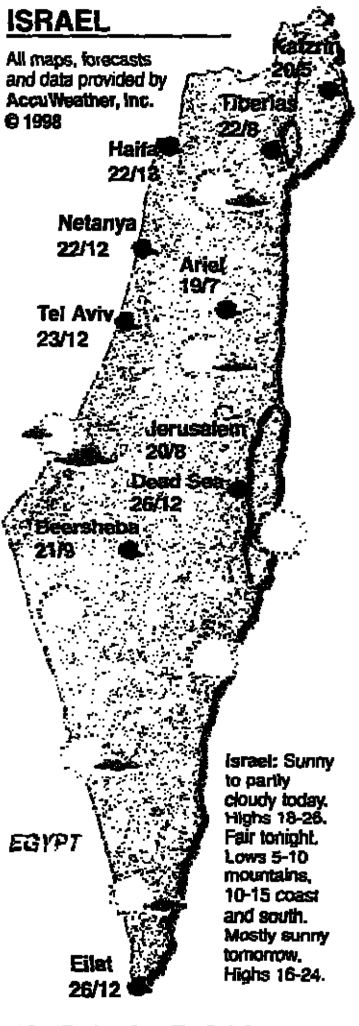

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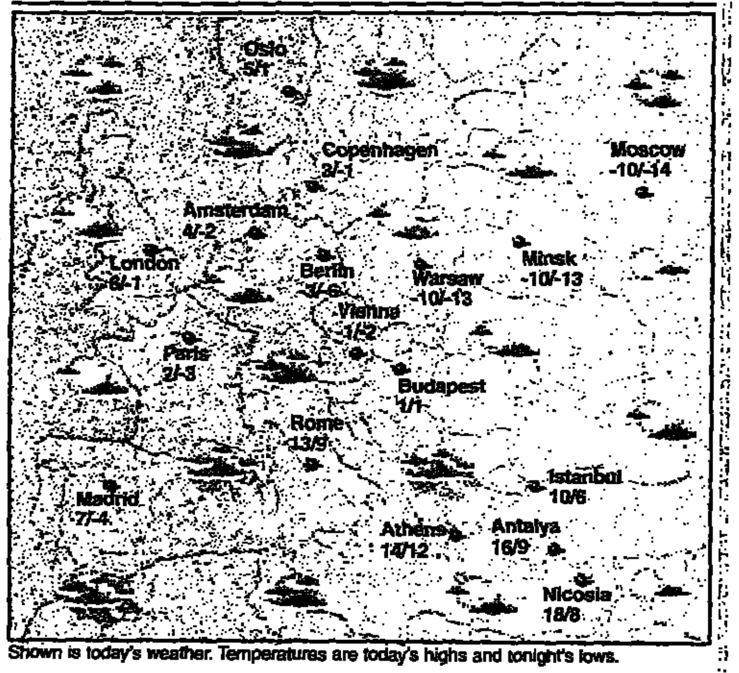

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F
Arad	19/66	7/44/s	18/64	6/43/pc	21/70	10/50/pc	23/73	12/53/pc
Beersheba	21/70	9/48/s	19/66	10/50/pc	22/71	12/53/pc	24/75	13/55/pc
Dead Sea	26/79	12/53/s	24/75	13/55/pc	26/79	16/61/pc	28/82	17/62/pc
Eilat	26/79	12/53/s	24/75	13/55/pc	26/79	16/61/pc	29/84	17/62/pc
Haifa	22/71	13/55/s	21/70	13/55/pc	23/73	16/61/pc	26/79	17/62/pc
Jerusalem	20/68	8/46/s	18/64	10/50/pc	22/71	12/53/pc	24/75	12/53/pc
Katzrin	20/68	5/41/s	18/64	2/35/pc	20/68	4/39/pc	23/73	7/44/pc
Netanya	22/71	12/53/s	21/70	11/52/pc	23/73	13/55/pc	25/77	16/61/pc
Tel Aviv	23/73	12/53/s	21/70	11/52/pc	24/75	13/55/pc	26/79	16/61/pc
Tiberias	22/71	8/46/s	20/68	9/48/pc	23/73	12/53/pc	26/79	13/55/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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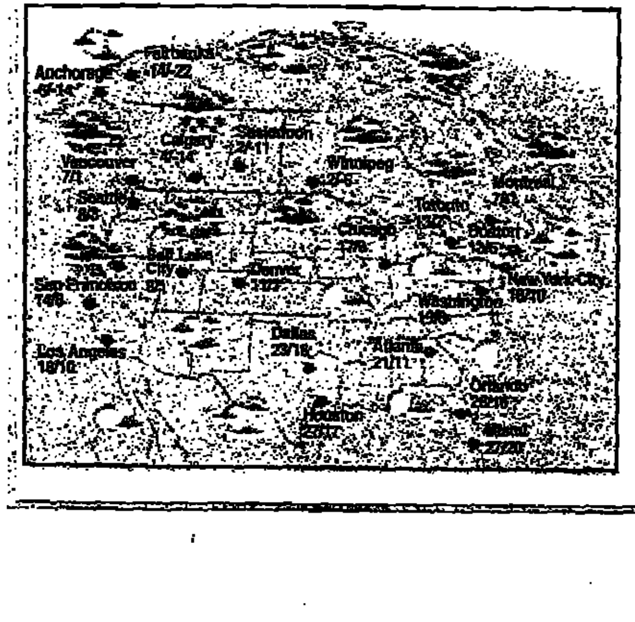
INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	4/39	-2/29/s	6/43	1/34/pc	3/37	-4/25/pc
Beijing	0/32	-9/16/s	3/37	-3/27/s	5/41	-7/20/c
Berlin	-3/27	-6/22/pc	4/39	0/32/sh	3/37	-2/29/pc
Brussels	3/37	-1/31/s	5/41	0/32/c	3/37	-3/27/pc
Cairo	22/71	12/53/pc	23/73	14/57/pc	24/75	15/59/pc
Chicago	17/62	8/46/pc	17/62	7/44/pc	14/57	7/44/pc
Frankfurt	-1/31	-3/27/pc	4/39	-1/31/sh	2/35	-7/20/pc
Hong Kong	28/82	22/71/pc	24/75	18/64/sh	22/71	18/64/pc
Johannesburg	23/73	18/64/sh	27/80	12/53/pc	24/75	13/55/pc
London	6/43	-1/31/pc	7/44	1/34/pc	7/44	2/35/pc
Los Angeles	18/64	10/50/s	22/71	7/44/pc	17/62	4/39/r
Madrid	7/44	-4/25/c	5/41	-6/22/pc	4/39	-5/24/pc
Mexico City	20/68	7/44/pc	21/70	8/46/pc	21/70	8/46/pc
Montreal	7/44	-1/31/c	6/43	0/32/s	7/44	-3/27/s
Moscow	-10/15	-14/7/pc	6/43	1/34/s	2/35	-6/22/s
New York	18/64	10/50/s	18/64	9/48/pc	17/62	8/46/pc
Paris	2/35	-3/27/pc	3/37	-3/27/c	2/35	-3/27/pc
Prague	-2/29	-3/27/c	3/37	-2/29/sn	2/35	-6/22/pc
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	21/70/pc	28/82	22/71/pc	27/80	22/71/pc
Rome	13/55	9/48/sh	12/53	4/39/r	13/55	4/39/sh
Sydney	23/73	18/64/s	27/80	19/66/c	26/79	17/62/pc
Tokyo	9/48	6/43/sh	13/55	7/44/r	11/52	10/50/pc
Toronto	13/55	7/44/pc	13/55	9/48/s	14/57	7/44/s
Vienna	-1/31	-2/29/sf	4/39	0/32/sh	4/39	-1/31/sh
Warsaw	-10/15	-13/9/pc	3/37	-2/29/sn	2/35	-3/27/pc
Washington	19/66	8/46/s	20/68	10/50/pc	23/73	9/48/pc
Zurich	2/35	1/34/sn	3/37	-2/29/sh	3/37	-3/27/sn

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



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